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†automatary, a. *Obs. [see prec.] AUTOMATIC.*

1652 UROQUART *Jewel Wks.* (1834) 266, I can no better compare him then to an automatary engine. 1653 — *Rabelais* I. xxiv, Automatarie Engines.. moving of themselves.

†automate, sb. and a. *Obs. [a. F. *automate* (*Cotgr.*), ad. L. *automaton*, -um.]*

A. *sb.* = AUTOMATON.

a 1649 DRUMM. of HAWTH. *James III Wks.* 61 Taken with admiration of watches, clocks, dials, automates. a 1751 BOLINGBROKE *Hum. Knowl.* i. (R.) We pronounce our fellow animals to be automates, or we allow them instinct.

B. *adj.* [Cf. F. *automate*, adj.] = AUTOMATIC.

1818 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev. XIX.* 18 His scheme of a Royal Garden comprehended.. artificial echos, automate and hydraulic music.

automate ('ɔ:tə'meit), v. orig. U.S. [Back-formation f. next or f. AUTOMATION; cf. AUTOMATE sb. and a.] 1. trans. To apply automation to; to convert to largely automatic operation; to introduce automatic control to (the manufacture of a product, etc.).

1954 N.Y. *Times* 4 May (heading) Huge Sums to Be Spent to Automate Plants. 1959 *Listener* 5 Nov. 762/2 In theory.. management in steel has the right to automate the mills without interference. 1961 *Times* 3 Oct. (Computer Suppl.) ii/5 The first stage in 'automating' a production plant is to increase mechanization. 1962 *Listener* 17 May 855/1 It is natural that we should try to programme, or automate, part of the teacher's work [by the use of teaching machines].

2. intr. or absol.

1955 *Controller* Dec. 602/2 PanAm Automates. 1962 *Economist* 19 May 693/1 Those days saw the country 'automating' considerably faster than it is doing now. 1967 *Listener* 23 Feb. 248/1 The more we automate, the greater the resources needed.

'automated, ppl. a. orig. U.S. [Back-formation f. AUTOMATION.] 1. In senses of the verb (see prec.).

1952 *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer* 13 Apr. 12 Another 'automated' line, less spectacular than the block line, machines the cylinder head. 1954 *Economist* 6 Nov. 466 (heading) Automated Giants. 1962 *Observer* 15 July 3/5 An automated laundry which washes, rinses and irons in a continuous process. 1962 *Cath. Gaz.* Nov. 320/1 A society is automated when its production is dominated by machines to the extent that machines are given a priority over men in the performance of human tasks. 1967 KARCH & BUBER *Offset Processes* xii. 506 A Lawson automated-spacing power paper cutter.

2. Special collocation: **automated teller machine** (orig. U.S.) = **automatic teller machine** s.v. AUTOMATIC a. 2; abbrev. *A.T.M.* s.v. A III.

1.

1974 *Computers & People* Aug. 35/1 Installations of cash-dispensing and 'automated teller machines in proliferation by both thrifts and commercial banks. 1986 *Amer. Banker* 13 Aug. 4/2 He's been actively shopping bank certificate of deposit rates, and uses your automated teller machines often.

automath ('ɔ:tə'mæθ), rare. [ad. Gr. *avtropoθēs*, f. *avtō-* self + *μαθῆs* learned, f. *μαθ-* to learn.] A self-taught person, an autodidact.

1759 *Young Cont.* Orig. Comp. 292 Those Automaths, those self taught Philosophers.

automatic ('ɔ:tə'mætik), a. [f. Gr. *avtropatōs* (see AUTOMATON) + -IC.] Of the nature of, or pertaining to, an automaton.

1. lit. Self-acting, having the power of motion on action within itself.

1812 Sir H. DAVY *Chem. Philos.* 180 In the universe, nothing can be said to be automatic. 1876 FOSTER *Phys.* (1879) Introd. 2 We may therefore speak of the amoeba as being irritable and automatic. (Note. Automatic.. has recently acquired a meaning almost exactly opposite to that which it originally bore, and an automatic action is now by many understood to mean nothing more than an action produced by some machinery or other. In this work I use it in the older sense, as denoting an action of a body, the causes of which appear to lie in the body itself.)

2. a. Self-acting under conditions fixed for it, going of itself. Applied esp. to machinery and its movements, which produce results otherwise done by hand, or which simulate human or animal action, as an 'automatic mouse.' **automatic direction finder**, one in which the bearing is determined automatically; **automatic following** (see AUTO-following); **automatic landing** (*Aeronaut.*), a landing in which the pilot is guided by instruments and not by visual observation; **automatic machine**, spec. a slot machine; **automatic observer** (*Aeronaut.*) (see quot. 1950); **automatic parachute** (see quot. 1951); **automatic pilot**, a device in an aircraft for maintaining a set course and height (cf. AUTOPILOT); **automatic stabilizer**, a device in an aircraft for maintaining a set attitude; cf. **auto-stabilizer** (AUTO-¹ b); **automatic teller (machine)** (orig. U.S.), a machine (usu. linked to a computer) that automatically provides cash or performs other functions of a bank cashier when a special card is inserted; cf. *A.T.M.* s.v. A III. 1; **automatic train control**, a system which in appropriate circumstances provides an audible

warning in the driver's cab of a locomotive; **automatic transmission** (cf. TRANSMISSION d), an automatic gear-changing system in a motor vehicle; **automatic volume control** (abbrev. *A.V.C.*), also **automatic frequency control** (abbrev. *A.F.C.*), **gain control** (*A.G.C.*): devices used in radio for regulating a frequency or signal; **automatic writing** (see 6).

1940 *Chambers's Techn. Dict.* 61/2 Automatic direction-finder. 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (*B.S.I.*) iii. 27 **Automatic direction finder**, an airborne equipment designed to indicate automatically the bearing of a continuous-wave ground beacon relative to the bearing of the aircraft. 1946 *Jrnl. Inst. Electr. Engin.* XCIII. iii. 17/1 Automatic-following radar.. was of the essence of the A.A. gunnery successes against flying bombs. 1950 *Gloss. Terms Radar* (*B.S.I.*) 7 **Automatic following**, automatic aiming with the addition of automatic range measurement. 1935 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XXIII. 1125 (title) **Automatic Frequency Control**. *Ibid.* 1133 (diagram) From AFC bias. 1930 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XVIII. 633 Those components.. which fade in and out.. can be maintained at what approaches a constant level by means of the automatic gain control. 1942 *Electronic Engin.* XV. 216 A fault of most communications receivers is the inability to use A.G.C. when the B.F.O. is switched on. 1938 *Jrnl. R. Aeronaut. Soc.* XLII. 505 No mention had been made of the automatic landing, which seemed to represent the development of this science which was now engaging the attention of American experts. 1958 *Times* 17 Oct. 3/4 More than 2,000 completely automatic landings, some in thick fog and others in strong cross-winds, have been made. 1903 *SHAW Man & Superman* i. 14 A box of matches will come out of an automatic machine when I put a penny in the slot. 1872 *YEATS Techn. Hist. Comm.* 370 Automatic machinery [for].. the drilling and boring of metal. 1936 *Aircraft Engin.* Dec. 330/2 An 'automatic observer' was not employed from considerations of weight. 1950 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (*B.S.I.*) i. 41 **Automatic observer**, an apparatus for recording automatically the readings of a specified set of instruments in flight. [1919 E. R. CALTHROP's *Aerial Patents Book* 24 The 'Guardian Angel' Parachute, in all its different types, is instantly automatic.] 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (*B.S.I.*) iii. 13 **Automatic parachute**, a parachute which is withdrawn from its pack by a static line. 1916 *Aeronautics* 13 Sept. 175 The Sperry automatic pilot. 1921 *Ibid.* 3 Feb. 76/2 The automatic pilot.. enables the pilot of an aeroplane to leave the machine entirely to its own devices. 1944 'N. SHUTE' *Pastoral* iv. 91 Marshall sat motionless at the controls, flying upon the automatic pilot. 1942 W. GROVE *Corr. Phys. Forces* 57 Automatic or self-registration of periodical phenomena. 1909 *Flight* 17 July 434/2 The automatic stabiliser must.. show a strong and immediate tendency to return to its proper normal working position under all conditions. 1950 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (*B.S.I.*) i. 41 **Automatic stabilizer**, an automatic pilot adjusted to provide increased aerodynamic stability to the aircraft. 1862 PALEY *Nat. Theol.* iii. The difference between an animal and an automatic statue. 1971 *Amer. Banker* 31 Aug. 8/3 Depositors seal their deposits in envelopes which are provided and insert them in the 'automatic teller', which flashes a Thank You sign and issues a receipt. 1977 *Science* 18 Mar. 1116/1 Automatic teller machines (ATM's) for commercial banking being developed are in various stages of pilot testing. 1983 N.Y. *Times* 15 May 15 About 1,300 automatic teller machines are now in use at American supermarkets. a 1885 *Mod. A Sewing Machine with automatic tension*. 1912 *Railway Gaz.* 12 July 40/2 *Automatic Train Control Demonstration*. .. The ramps are so electrically connected that either of two signals are given on the engine—a clear signal or a danger .. as the train proceeds. 1936 *Economist* 25 Jan. 178/2 Security against collisions of this kind can only be provided by a combination of track-circuiting.. and automatic train control. 1946 W. H. CROUSE *Automotive Mechanics* xvii. 403 The Hydra-Matic drive, supplied on Cadillac and Oldsmobile cars as special equipment, combines the fluid drive with an automatic transmission that has four forward and one reverse speed. 1961 *Autocar* 29 Sept. 471/1 A conventional clutch and three-speed gearbox costs.. less than an automatic transmission. 1930 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XVIII. 321 The severe fluctuation of the signal.. indicates the desirability of some form of automatic volume control. 1933 *Pract. Wireless* 25 Nov. 545 The way in which A.V.C. operates does not seem to be widely understood.

b. Of a firearm: furnished with mechanism for successively and continuously loading, firing, and ejecting a cartridge as long as ammunition is supplied. 1877 *Independent* (U.S.) 5 July 20/2 Smith & Wesson's automatic revolvers. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 401/2 In the modern 'automatic' machine gun the loading, firing, extracting, and ejecting are all performed automatically by the gun itself. *Ibid.* XXII. 649/2 No nation has yet armed her forces with an automatic rifle. *Ibid.* 658/2 The Colt Automatic Pistol, calibre .38.

c. Of a telephone exchange or system: operated by automatic switches (opp. *manual*). Also, designating a telephone instrument fitted with a dial. 1879 M. D. CONNOLLY et al. *U.S. Pat.* 222,458, We.. have jointly invented a certain new and useful Automatic Telephone-Exchange.. so constructed and arranged that any member of the exchange may.. place himself in direct communication with any disengaged member of the exchange. 1914 W. ATKINS *Princ. Automatic Telephony*: In an automatic system of telephony it is required that the subscriber shall be able to obtain connection with any other subscriber without the intervention of an operator at the exchange. 1934 *Discovery* Mar. 58/2 The automatic telephone.. has not been an unqualified blessing. 1955 *Oxf. Jun. Encycl.* VIII. 432/2 In an automatic exchange, the connexion to the required line is made by mechanical selectors.

3. Of animal actions: Like those of mechanical automatons; not accompanied by volition or consciousness, 'mechanical.'

1748 HARTLEY *Observ. Man* i. Intro. The Motions are called automatic from their Resemblance to the Motions of Automata, or Machines, whose Principle of Motion is within themselves. 1855 *BAIN Senses & Int.* i. ii. §18 The winking of the eyes is essentially automatic. 1871 *tr. Pouhet's Universe* 106 The automatic nature of insects has only been maintained by those who have never observed them.

4. Not characterized by active intelligence; merely mechanical.

1843 J. MARTINEAU *Chr. Life* (1876) 60 To rest in mere automatic regularities. 1855 *MILMAN Lat. Chr. II.* III. vi. 95 Mechanical and automatic acts of devotion.

5. Relating to automatons; AUTOMATIC.

c 1860 WRAXALL tr. R. HOUDIN v. 50 He gave me the automaton I was to repair.. I began my first automatic labours.

6. **Spiritualism.** Of or pertaining to automatism (sense 4); performed by unconscious, subconscious, or occult action.

1882 W. S. MOSS *Spirit-Teachings* Intro. i. Automatic Writing is a well-known method of communication with the invisible world of what we loosely call Spirit. 1884 *Proc. Soc. Psychical Research* II. 226, I wished to know if I were myself an automatic writer, or so-called writing medium. 1889 BARKWORTH in *Proc. Soc. Psychical Research* Dec. 85 It is only the execution and not the initiation of the movements which is automatic, the suggestion for them being external to the subject's own personality. 1891 W. JAMES *Princ. Psychol.* I. viii. 209 Certain trance-subjects who were also automatic writers. 1934 *Archit. Rev.* LXXV. 215/1 Mr. Cooper's picture, on the other hand, might almost be a piece of automatic writing.

7. **Art.** Applied to a form of painting performed by the technique of 'automatism' (see AUTOMATISM 5).

1951 A. HILL *Painting out Illness* xi. 74, I deny that true automatic pictures can be produced while both the eye and hand in subconscious conjunction are said to be 'employed'. 1960 E. H. GOMBRICH *Art & Illusion* x. 358 The modern painter may use what he calls 'automatic painting', the creation of Rorschach blots, in order to stimulate the mind .. towards fresh inventions.

automatic ('ɔ:tə'mætik), sb. [f. prec.]

1. Abbreviation of **automatic pistol**, **gun**, etc.: see AUTOMATIC a. 2 b.

1902 *Sear Catal.* (ed. 112) 305/2 **Forehand Perfection** Automatic, small frame, rebounding lock. 1914 G. ATHERTON *Perch of Devil* II. vii. 269 I've even bought an automatic. I suppose.. I should call it a gun. 1920 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 154/1 A German automatic hung at his side. 1945 *Diamond Track* (Army Board, N.Z.) 35/1 Everything was thrown into it—grenades, automatics, bayonets, and rifle butts.

2. A machine, tool, etc., that is operated automatically.

1909 in WEBSTER. 1914 *Machinery* (Engin. Ed.) XX. 468 (title) Making shrapnel cases on the Cleveland automatic. 1917 *Amer. Machinist* XLVII. 17 Automatics used advantageously in the making of starter parts. 1921 *Conquest* II. 125 The full advantage of automatics will only be appreciated when a large number of automatic exchanges have been erected. 1930 *Engineering* 7 Mar. 309/2 The machine tool display.. covers automatics of various types, bending machines, sheet-metal working machines, drills [etc.]. 1949 *Jrnl. R. Aeronaut. Soc.* LIII. 428/2 Failures of the automatics may be more dangerous than the human failures they are designed to prevent.

3. A motor vehicle, esp. a car, which has automatic transmission. orig. U.S.

1949 *Newsweek* (U.S.) 24 Oct. 65/1 (heading) Ford's automatic. 1966 *Motoring Which?* Oct. 124 The only automatic we have tested is the little Dutch-built Daf. 1984 *Which? Car Suppl.* Oct. 17/2 The BX range has recently been expanded with the inclusion of a diesel version, and there will be estates and automatics soon.

auto'matical, a. [f. as AUTOMATIC a. + -ICAL.]

1. prop. Having reference to or connected with things automatic.

1665 *Surv. Aff. Netherl.* 178 Ships that (according to the Automatical proposal) could manage themselves.

2. = AUTOMATIC.

1586 BRIGHT *Melanch.* xiii. 66 *Automistical* instruments.

1788 PASQUIN *Childr. Thespis* (1792) 159 *Automatical*, heavy, dull, sombre, half crazy. 1830 *Edin. Encycl.* II. 66/2 *Automatical* rope-dancers or tumblers.

auto'matically, adv. [f. prec. + -LY²]

1. In automatic manner; like an automaton; by spontaneous, or apparently spontaneous, action.

1858 GLADSTONE *Homer* II. 276 Which three-legged stands he is carefully fitting with wheels, in order that they may automatically take their places. 1874 *tr. Lomme's Light* 10 Apparatus have been invented which automatically approximate the points.. as they are burnt away.

2. Without active thought or volition; unconsciously, involuntarily, mechanically.

1853 SCOT. *Rev.* I. 123 Actions.. at first voluntary may come by habit to be automatically performed. 1859 GEO. ELIOT *A. Bede* 104 Lisbeth automatically obeying her old habits, began to put away the breakfast things.

automaticity ('ɔ:tə'mo:tisiti). [f. AUTOMATIC + -ITY.] Automatic condition or nature.

1871 D. FERRIER *Funct. Brain* 213 Man.. in whom volition is predominant and automaticity plays only a subordinate part in the motor activities.

automation ('ɔ:tə'meisən). [irreg. f. AUTOMATIC a. + -ATION.] Automatic control of the manufacture of a product through a number of successive stages; the application of automatic

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and canoeing clubs. 1828 N. CARLISLE *Acc. Charities* 205 Two staves or 8 feet, in Cornwall, are a "Land Yard, and 160 Land Yards are an English acre. 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* xii. I could smell supper, when hungry, through a hundred landyards of bog.

Land (lant), sb.² Pl. Länder ('ländər), Laender, Lands. [G.] A semi-autonomous unit of local government in Germany and Austria.

[1920 G. YOUNG *New Germany* 321] The transformation of this Constitution from a centralised republic.. back to a federation has been reviewed already. The word 'lander' is literally translated for this and other reasons.] 1920 H. W. V. TEMPERLEY *Hist. Peace Conf. Paris III.* 347 The word 'Länder'.. has been deliberately used instead of the word 'Staaten'.. The word 'States' for the members of a federal Constitution seems therefore to be misleading as expressly repudiated and 'Lands' is used, a new word coined by Professor Young. *Ibid.* 348 Article 5. Constitutional power is exercised... in matters pertaining to the Lands, by the Constitutional bodies of those Lands within the lines laid down by the constitutions of those Lands. 1950 THEIMER & CAMPBELL *Encycl. World Politics* 42 Austria became a federal republic, consisting of eight Lands. 1955 *Times* 26 Aug. 7/2 Many wage agreements are settled on a Land and not a federal basis. 1958 *Listener* 9 Oct. 57/1 In the Laender under its sway.. it [sc. Austria] produced the nearest approach to the Welfare State that existed before its establishment in the United Kingdom. 1966 *Economist* 13 Aug. 63/1 The ambitious and consequently hard-pressed Länder are demanding that.. Bonn's share of the tax-collectors' booty should be no more than 35 per cent. 1969 *Nature* 15 Nov. 633/2 The German universities are at present the responsibility of the Länder. 1973 *Times* 30 Jan. 4/6 The four Länder--Hamburg, Bremen, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein--have asked the Bonn Government to sanction a boycott.

land (land), v. [f. LAND sb.¹] (OE. had *lēndan* of similar formation; see LEND v.)

I. Transitive senses.

1. a. To bring to land; to set on shore; to disembark.

a 1300 K. Horn 779 A gode schup he hurede, bat him scholde londe In Westene londe. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flying w.* Dunbar 461 The skipper bad ger land the at the Bas. 1605 BOYLE *Occas. Ref.* iv. xii. (1818) 246, I see the Water-man prepare to Land us. 1678 WANLEY *Wond. Lit. World* v. ii. 579. 472/1 He Landed an Army in Apulia. 1748 ANSON's *Voy.* i. xiv. 286 Our ships, when we should land our men, would keep at.. a distance. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* III. xx. 149 The troops, having been landed in Cappadocia. 1842 CAMPBELL *Napoleon & Brit. Sailor* 64 He should be shipped to England Old And safely landed. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* v. iii. 288 Four hundred boats were coming.. to land their cargoes.

b. To bring to the surface (from a mine). ? Obs.

1603 OWEN *Pembroke* xi. (1801) 91 These persons will Lande about.. hundred barrels of coale in a daye.

c. pass. In Canada, to be given the status of a landed immigrant (see LANDED ppl. a. 3).

1910 [see LANDED ppl. a. 3] 1962 *Canada Month* Aug. 16/3 They arrived from an Italian refugee camp in three groups around mid-month, were duly 'landed' by immigration officials. 1974 *Globe & Mail* (Toronto) 16 May 3/3 So far 22,905 have actually been 'landed'--given legal status as landed immigrants--and it's just a matter of time before most of the others achieve the same goal.

2. To bring into a specified place, e.g. as a stage in or termination of a journey; to bring into a certain position; usually with adv.b. phr. Also fig. to bring into a certain position or to a particular point in a course or process. (Cf. 8.) 1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gr. Exemp.* Ep. Ded. a. 3 b. It is only a holy life that lands us there [sc. in heaven]. 1649 BL. *THE Eng. Improv. Impr.* (1653) 57 This dron to be continued to that place where you have most convenience to land your water. 1850 McCOSH *Dir. Govt.* ii. ii. (1874) 212 The pantheist, when compelled to explain himself, is landed in Atheism. 1858 WHYTE MELVILLE *Kate Cov.* ix. Now then, give us your hand; one foot on the box, one on the roller-bolt, and now you're landed. 1859 THACKERAY *Virgin*. II. i. 4 Poor Harry's fine folks have been too fine for him, and have ended by landing him here. 1874 BURNAND *My time* xxviii. 271 A jerk that nearly landed me on his [the horse's] back. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 200 The pass over the Cottian Alps.. would have landed Hannibal in the territory of the Taurini. 1882 BESSANT *Revolt of Man* vi. (1883) 126 Such a sermon.. would infallibly land its composer.. in a prison. 1892 Bookman Oct. 2/2 His wife, his temperament, his philanthropy contrive to land him in fraudulent bankruptcy.

b. To set down from a vehicle. (Cf. 8.b.)

1851 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* iii. (1853) 108 The Exeter Fly.. having.. landed its passengers for supper and sleep. 1859 —— *Virgin*. I. xxvii. 213 One chair after another landed ladies at the Baroness's door. 1894 MRS. H. WARD *Marcella* 11. 267 Hu hanson landed him at the door of a great mansion.

c. slang. To set (a person) 'on his feet'.

1868 YATES *Rock Ahead* ii. vi. Lord Tiechurst, having done his duty by landing Gilbert [viz. by giving him an introduction], had strolled away. 1876 HINDLEY *Adu. Cheap Jack* 33. I bought a big covered cart and a good strong horse. And I was landed! 1879 *Autobrig. of a Thief* in *Macm. Mag.* XL. 502, I was landed (was all right) this time without them getting me up a lead (a collection).

d. Naut. To lower on to the deck or elsewhere by a rope or tackle.

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Work-bk.* To land on deck. A nautical anomaly, meaning to lower casks or weighty goods on deck from the tackles. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 6/1 Land them on the taffrail.

e. slang. To get (a blow) home. Also intr. with out.

1886 H. BAUMANN *Lundinismen* 93. 1 He landed him a little

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object is to land one cunning blow. 1893 *Gentl. Mag.* Aug. 110 That's right, Captain Kitty!.. Land him [sc. the Devil] one in the eye. 1898 J. D. BRAYSHAW *Slum Silhouettes* 2 That on'y made Bill madder 'n ever, an' e' lands ah' wiv' is right, but the Gent. jest ketched 'is arm. 1912 CHAMBERS'S *Jnl.* June 395/2 After sparring for five minutes, and frustrating every attempt you made to 'land' on him, he would sit down. 1928 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 5 Oct. 274/3 Why didn't his man 'land' out at the insulting blighter?

f. *Sporting colloq.* (with and without compl.) To bring (a horse) 'home', i.e. to the winning post; to place first in a race. Also *intr.* to get in first, win.

1853 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* I. vi. 151 St. Agatha.. after one of the finest races on record, is landed a winner by a neck. 1890 'ROLF BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 291 A shower of flukes at the latter end landed him the winner. 1891 *Licensed Victualler's Gaz.* 20 Mar. (Farmer), Had the French filly landed, what a shout would have arisen from the ring! 1898 *Daily News* 28 May 8/1 The Prince's colours were landed amid enthusiastic cheering.

g. *Machine knitting.* To secure (a loop) on the closed beard of a pattern.

1885 [see KNOCK v. 15.c.] 1926 J. CHAMBERLAIN *Knitting Math. & Mech.* v. 98 Using different lengths of beards in the same machine may result in certain loops not being landed, and consequently not cast off. 1952 D. F. PALING *Warp Knitting Technol.* i. 6 The old fabric loops on their upward movement pass over the tips of the beards which are embedded in the needle eyes, and the old loops are landed on to the closed beards.

h. To bring (an aircraft) to earth from the air; to place (an aircraft or spacecraft, or its contents) on the ground or some other surface after a flight.

1916 H. BARBER *Aeroplane Speaks* 49 I'll guarantee to safely land the fastest machine in a five-acre field. 1926 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 65/2 Attempts were later made to land machines on this forward deck [of the aircraft carrier]. 1931 *Times* 19 Feb. 17/2 There was a difference of opinion as to who should land the flying boat?—Very definitely. 1932 W. E. JOHNS *Camels are Coming* ii. 35 Agents.. are usually taken over by aircraft; sometimes they drop by parachute and sometimes we land them. 1948 GREGORY & ALLAN *Helicopter* xvi. 190 There are a lot of things that we have to do to this machine before you can take off and land it. 1952 K. W. GATLAND *Devel. Guided Missile* vi. 103 (caption) Instead of landing the entire space-ship, a secondary rocket will descend to the surface. 1962 *Times* 30 Apr. 12/7 Russia's latest earth satellite has been successfully landed in a predetermined area. 1967 J. ROWLAND *Jet Man* vi. 59 Now Whittle's experience of aerobatics came in useful, for he had to 'land' the machine in the water. 1968 *Ann. Reg.* 1677 178 The two accidents were a severe setback to American plans to land a man on the moon before 1970. 1972 *Nature* 3 Mar. 3/1 It is simply too dangerous to attempt to land a manned spacecraft in the lunar mountains.

3. *Angling.* To bring (a fish) to land, esp. by means of a gaff, hook, or net. Also, to land the net.

1613 J. DENNYS *Secrets Angling* xi. xxii. Then with a net, see how at last he lands A mighty carp. 1653 WALTON *Compl. Angler* iv. 105 Help me to land this as you did the other. 1787 [see *LANDING-NET*]. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* viii. (1880) 297 When you have hooked a grayling your next job is to land him. 1873 ACT 30 & 37 VIT. c. (xxi. 174) Any person who shall.. work any seine or draft net for salmon.. within one hundred yards from.. any other seine or draft net.. before such last-mentioned net is fully drawn in and landed, shall.. be liable [etc.]. 1883 *Munch. Exam.* 30 Oct. 8/4, I will not trouble you with an account of the trout and grayling we landed during the first two or three days of our visit. 1884 PAE *Eustace* 62 They were pretty constantly engaged in shooting and landing the net.

b. fig. To catch or 'get hold of' (a person); to secure or win (a sum of money, esp. in betting or horse-racing). Also, to obtain (employment). Also *absol.*

1854 WHYTE MELVILLE *Gen. Bounce* II. xx. 114, I landed a hundred gold moths by backing his new lot for the Governor-General's Cup. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. viii. You must be gentle with me if you want to land me. 1876 OUIDA *Winter City* vi. 143 So that they land their bets, what do they care? 1884 BLACK in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 24/1, I can't say I've landed a fortune over its tips. 1926 WHITEMAN & McBRIDE *Jazz* viii. 167 That is another reason why the outsider fails to land. He doesn't know about these rogues.

1946 E. O'NEILL *Iceman Cometh* (1947) iii. 152 I'll bet you think yuh're goin' out and land a job, too. 1952 GRANVILLE *Dict. Theatr. Terms* 108 Land a spot, obtain an engagement.

† 4. To throw (a bridge) across a river. Obs.

1637 PETIT TO CHAS. I. in WILLIS & CLARK *Cambridge* (1886) I. 91 They may be suffered at their owne chardge to land a bridge over ye' river. 1638 CHAS. I. LET. TO KING'S COLLEGE, ibid. To permitt them at their owne charge to land a bridge from the middest of ye' of Colledge.

† 5. To bestow land upon. Obs. nonce-use.

1624 HEYWOOD *Captives* i. i. in BULLEN O. PL. IV. Thou hast monied me in this, Nay landed me.. And putt mee in a large possession.

6. a. to land up: to fill or block up (a watercourse, pond, etc.) partially or wholly with earth; to silt up.

1605 WILLET *Hexapla Gen.* 30 Gobaris caused the natural current, landed up, to be opened and enlarged. 1682 BUNYAN *Holy War* 307 Diabolus sought to land up Mouthgate with dirt. 1793 R. MYLNE *Rep. Themas & Isis* 16 These lands have a very imperfect drainage at present, by the water courses and ditches being landed up. 1815 W. MARRATT *Hist. Lincolnsh.* III. 243 A serpentine fish pond.. partly landed up. 1851 *Jnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XII. ii. 300 The river was thereby landed up by the sediment of the tides.

b. To earth up (celery). Also with *up*.

a 1806 ABERCROMBIE in Loudon *Gardening* III. i. (1822) 723 Repeat this.. till by degrees they are landed up from

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II. Intransitive senses.

7. To come to land; to go ashore from a ship or boat; to disembark. Of a ship, etc.: To touch at a place in order to set down passengers.

In early use occas. conjugated with the verb *to be*.
1382 WYCLIFF *1 Mac.* iii. 42 The oost applide, or londide, at the coostis of hem. 1387 TREVISA *Higden* (Rolls) II. 151 Irisch Scottes londede at Argoyl. c.1400 SIR BEUER p. 24 (MS. S.) With her ship per gon ley lond. a 1450 *Le Morte Arth.* 3054 He wende to haue landyd.. At Dover. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* i. xvi. The Sarayns ar londed in their countreyes mo than xi M. a 1548 HALL *Chron.* Hen VIII 250 b. He had knowledge.. that the French army entended to land in the Isle of Wight. 1611 BIBLE *Acts* xxi. 3 We.. sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre. 1661 DRYDEN *To his Sacred Majesty* 9 Thus, royal Sir, to see you landed here Was cause enough of triumph for a year. 1725 POPE *Odyss.* XIII. 156 Behold him landed, careless and asleep, From all the eluded dangers of the deep! 1748 ANSON'S *Voy.* ii. xiii. 276 No place where it was possible for a boat to land. 1837 MARRYAT *Dog-friend* xxii, The dog.. landed at the same stairs where the boats land. 1882 MRS. B. M. CROKER *Proper Pride* I. ii. 11 Among the passengers who landed at Southampton from the Peninsular and Oriental Rosetta.

8. lit. and fig. To arrive at a place, a stage in a journey, or the like; to come to a stage in a progression; to end in something. Also with *up*. (Cf. 2.)

1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* 153 Landing by the first pair of Stairs with your Face towards the East. 1721 RAMSAY *Elegy Patie Birnie* iii. When strangers landed. 1726 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 243 Thus this matter is entered on; where it will land, the Lord himself direct. 1727 *Ibid.* 304 If any subordination.. and dependence [of the Persons of the Trinity].. were asserted, he could not but think it would land in a dependent and independent God. 1727 H. CRANE *Let.* 19 Mar. (1695) 201, I had just landed in town after three months with the bossy cows. 1958 *Listener* 30 Oct. 69/3 They [sc. migrants] land up, exhausted, on islands and headlands. 1665 *Ibid.* 2 Sept. 351/2 After unspecified work in a map shop he landed up, furnished with a testimonial from Charles Graves, in the publishing house of Novello.

b. To alight upon the ground, e.g. from a vehicle, after a leap, etc. Esp. of an aircraft or spacecraft, or a person in one: to alight upon or reach the ground, or some other surface, after a flight. (Cf. 2.b.)

1693 SOUTHERN *Maid's Last Prayer* iii. ii, *Lady Susan*. There's a Coach stop, I hope 'tis hers. *Jano*, 'Tis my Lady Trickit's; she's just Landed. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4427/4 To receive them as they landed out of their Coaches. 1784 V. LUNARDI *Act. First Aerial Voy. in Eng.* 37 My principal care was to avoid a violent concussion at landing, and in this my good fortune was my friend. At twenty minutes past four I descended in a spacious meadow. 1814 *Sporting Mag.* XLIII. 287 The spot where the horse took off to where he landed is above eighteen feet. 1837 MARRYAT *Dog-friend* xxviii, It landed among some cabbage-leaves. 1899 H. G. WELLS *When Sleepers Wake* xxiv. 326 On Blackheath no aeroplane had landed. 1908 —— *War in Air* ii. 60 The balloon was bumping as though its occupants were trying to land, then landed in comparatively calm water. 1952 *Oxf. Jun. Encycl.* X. 7/2 When landing, the pilot is guided on to the deck of a warship by signals with 'bats'. 1953 LESLIE & ADAMS (*title*) Flying saucers have landed. 1969 *Times* 21 July 1/1 The first word from man on the moon came from Aldrin: 'Tranquillity base. The Eagle has landed.' 1973 *Sci. Amer.* Dec. 102/1 If the birds are pursued, they take off, but they do not fly far before they land again.

† c. fig. To fall, light (upon). Obs.

1670 HACKET *2nd Serm. on Incarnation* (1675) 11 Each parcel of comfort landed jump.. in the same model of Ground. 1727 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) III. 304 We inquired into the reports, found them all land on Mr. Simson.

d. With on. Of an aircraft: to land on the deck of an aircraft carrier. Hence landing-on vbl. sb.

1937 *Aeroplane* 9 June 69/1 The ship was headed into wind and permission to land-on was given to the first Nimrod. *Ibid.* 16 June 72/1 The landing-on is organised similarly to the flying-off. 1939 *Nature* CXLI. 592/2 'Landing on' had proved safer than driving a car on an English road. 1954 P. K. KEMP *Fleet Air Arm* 95 They took off and landed on without difficulty, completely independent of the sea.

land, obs. f. LANT sb.¹, urine; var. LAUND Obs.

Landabrides, erron. f. LINDABRIDES Obs.

† landage. Obs. In 5 londage. [f. LAND v. + -AGE.] Landing, coming ashore.

1740-85 MALORY *Arthur* xxii. ii, There was syr Mordred ready awyntyngh upon his londage to lette his owne fader to lande vp the lande that he was kyng ouer.

† landamman(n) ('landaman'). [Swiss Ger.; f. land LAND sb.¹ + amman(n = G. amtmann, f. amt office, magistracy + mann man.)] In Switzerland, the title applied to the chief magistrate in certain cantons, and formerly also to the chief officer in certain smaller administrative districts.

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 308 The village of Gersaw.. has its land amman, its council of regency. 1822 L. SIMONS *Switzerland* I. 438 All the landammanns and statholders. 1868 KIRK CHAS. *bold* III. v. iii. 435 The old landamman of

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day, the day on which the annual perambulation of the boundaries is made in Lanarkshire and Aberdeen.

944 in Earle *Land Charters* (1888) 178 *Dis sim pa land gemara & se embengang para landa to baddan byrig & to doddar forda & to etre dene.* 1825-80 JAMIESON, *Landimar*, .2. A march or boundary of landed property, Aberd. *To ride the Landimers*, to examine the marches, *ibid.* Lanarks.

The day in which the procession is made is called Landimer's day. 1864 *Edin. Daily Rev.* 11 June, Lanimer Day at Lanark. 1888 *Scott. Leader* 16 May 5 Lanark Landimers.

1 'A land-measurer... This word is here [viz. in Skene] used improperly' (Jam.).

1597 SKENE *De Verb. Sign. s.v. Particula.* The measures of land, called Landimers, in Latine, *Agrimentores*. 1670 BLOUNT *Law Dict.*, *Landimers*, measurers of Land, anciently so called. 1825-80 JAMIESON, *Lannimor*, a person employed by conterminous proprietors to adjust marches between their lands, Aysh.

landing ('lændɪŋ), *vbl. sb.* [*f. LAND v. + -ING¹*.]

I. The action of coming to land or putting ashore; disembarkation.

c 1440 *Promp. Parv.* 312/2 *Londyng fro schyppe and watur, applicato.* 1577-87 *HOLINSHED Chron.* I. 9/2 They take landing within the dominion of king Goffarus. 1655 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 308 Att his landing att Towre wharfe. 1667 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 264 There is Water enough for Boats and Canoes to enter, and smooth landing after you are in. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. vii. 355 The Commodore... was saluted at his landing by eleven guns. 1768 DK. CLARENCE in *Nicolas Disp.* (1845) III. 10 note The French cannot effect a landing in Ireland. 1855 STANLEY *Mem. Canterbury* i. (1857) 3 There are five great landings in English history, each of vast importance.

b. Arrival at a stage or place of landing, e.g. on a staircase.

1705 ADDISON *Trov. Italy* 433 A Stair-Case... where... the Disposition of the Lights, and the convenient Landing are admirably well contriv'd.

c. Coming to ground at the end of a leap.

1881 *Times* 14 Feb. 4/2 The taking off at the jumps was awkward, and the landing more ugly still.

d. The (or an) action of approaching and alighting on the ground or some other surface after a flight. *happy landings!*: see HAPPY a. 3.

1784 [see LAND v. 8b]. 1909 *Flight* 13 Feb. 03/1 (heading) Flight 'landings'. 1912 *Aeroplane* 10 Dec. 621/2 Major Cameron and Capt. Salmon with Mr. Barnwell and, later, Mr. Knight up behind, put in large number [sic] of straights each making very good flights and landings. 1916 H. BARBER *Aeroplane Speaks* 49 You can... imagine what a difference that would make where forced landings are concerned! 1923 H. G. WELLS *Men like Gods* i. iii. 37 The aeroplanes made an easy landing. 1927 G. ASTON *Navy of To-Day* p. 31 The airman, and the airman's home, the aircraft carrier, must steam head to wind... when the airmen want to accomplish 'landings' on her deck. 1936 *Discovery* Aug. 23/81 The camera is raised during take-offs and landings. 1956 [see EMERGENCY 5 b]. 1967 D. P. DAVIES *Handling Big Jets* iii. 30 For take-off and landing the weight should be known to within 5,000 lb. 1969 *Times* 21 July 1/1 The landing, in the Sea of Tranquillity, was near perfect and the two astronauts on board Eagle reported that it had not tilted too far to prevent take-off. 1974 *Daily Tel.* 21 Feb. 17/7 He [sc. a balloonist] has food and water for 10 days and the gondola is equipped with floatation devices to keep it upright if he is forced to make a water landing.

2. *a. landing up*, blocking up of a watercourse by earth or mud. *b. Earthing up* of plants.

1692 RAY *Discov. World* III. v. (1732) 352 This Landing up and Alteration of the Shirts of the Sea. a 1806 ABERCROMBIE in *Loudon Gardening* III. i. (1822) 723 Give them [celery-plants] a final landing-up near the tops. 1856 LEVER *Martins of Cro' M.* 4 Celery, that wanted landing.

3. *Angling*. (See LAND v. 3.)

1884 *Public Opinion* 5 Sept. 302/1 His attention is fixed upon... the skilful 'landing' of his fish.

4. *Mining*. (See quot. 1860 and LAND v. 1 b.)

1860 Eng. & For. *Mining Gloss.*, S. Staffs. Terms, Landing, the banksman receiving the loaded skip at surface.

II. Concrete senses.

5. a. A place for disembarking passengers or unloading goods; a landing-place.

1609 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* VII. xxxvi, Defend all landings, barre all passages. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone* L. \$100 Amending the landing at the Edystone. *Ibid.* As my proposed materials would not swim, a safe landing became a still more important object. 1831 S. CUNNINGHAM *Western Pilot* 49 There is a pretty good landing at the upper end of the town. 1867 J. N. EDWARDS *Shelby* xx. 366 The next day the brigade moved to the river near Gaines Landing. 1895 M. A. JACKSON *Mem. Stonewall Jackson* (ed. 2) xii. 211 Just before reaching the landing I stopped to look back.

b. 'The platform of a railway station' (*Simmonds Dict. Trade* 1858). ? Obs.

6. a. A platform in which a flight of stairs terminates; a resting-place between two flights of stairs.

1789 P. SMYTH tr. Aldrich's *Archit.* (1818) 122 A resting-place, or landing, should be contrived after 9, 11, or at the utmost 13 steps. 1836-9 DICKENS *Sk. Box* ii. He took to pieces the eight day clock on the front Landing. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 308 The ablution rooms... must be placed on the landings. 1882 MACM. MAG. LXVI. 441 The five bedrooms all opened on a square landing.

b. Stone used in or suitable for the construction of staircase landings.

1847 SMEATON *Builder's Man*. 190, 6-in. rubbed York landing. 1858 *Skyring's Builders' Prices* (ed. 48) 84. 3 inch Portland balcony bottoms, or landings. 1886 MOD.

7. Various technical senses (chiefly U.S.). a. (See quot. 1844.) b. *Lumbering*. A place where logs are landed and stored. c. 'A platform of a furnace at the charging height' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875). d. *Boat-building*. = LAND sb.¹ 9c (q.v.). e. *Mining*. A place at the mouth of a shaft for the landing of kibbles or other receptacles (*Cent. Dict.*). f. *Fortif.* 'The horizontal space at the entrance of a gallery or return' (*Ibid.*).

1844 GOSSE in *Zoologist* II. 706 Every extensive planter, whose estate borders on the river [Alabama], has what is called a landing, that is a large building to contain bales of cotton. 1868 *Harper's Mag.* XXIV. 420 We emerged from the thick timber into an opening through which ran Tibbet's Brook. Here was what is called the landing... we could see thousands of logs that had been hauled. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal Mining*. *Landing*, a level stage for loading or unloading coal upon.

8. *attrib.* and *Comb.*, as (sense 1) *landing area*, *fee, field, ground, -leg, -pier, -quay, site, -stairs, -steps, -tower, vehicle*; (sense 3) *landing-gaff, -hook, -ring*; *landing beam* *Aeronaut.*, a radio beam to guide aircraft when landing; *landing card*, a card issued to a passenger on an international flight or voyage, which is surrendered on arrival; *landing charges, rates* (Ogilvie), 'charges or fees paid on goods unloaded from a vessel' (Webster, 1864); *landing craft*, a naval vessel with a shallow draught designed for landing troops, tanks, etc., in an amphibious assault; hence *transf.* in *Astronaut.*, the section of a spacecraft which is used for the final descent to the surface of a planet or moon; *landing flap* *Aeronaut.*, a flap that can be lowered to increase the lift and the drag and so make possible lower speeds for take-off and landing; *landing floor* = sense 6; *landing gear*, (a) *Aeronaut.*, the structure underneath an aircraft that is designed to support it on the ground and to absorb the shock of landing (in modern aircraft made to be retracted in flight); (b) the retractable support at the front of a semi-trailer that supports it when not attached to the tractor; *landing light*, (a) a light on the runway of an aerodrome to guide an aircraft in a night landing; (b) a light attached to an aircraft to illuminate the ground for a night landing; *landing pad*, (a) a small area of an aerodrome or heliport, used for the landing and taking off of helicopters; (b) a cushioned or strengthened foot which supports a hovercraft, spacecraft, or the like when stationary on the ground; *landing ship* (tank(s)), a large landing craft for the transport of tanks and other vehicles; *landing speed*, the speed at which an aircraft lands (see also quot. 1911); *landing-stage*, a platform, often a floating one, for the landing of passengers and goods from sea-vessels; *landing-strike* *Boat-building*, 'the upper striae but one' (Weale's *Rudim. Nav.* 128); *landing strip* = *air-strip* (AIR sb.¹ B. III. 7); *landing-surveyor*, a customs officer who appoints and superintends the landing waiters; *landing ticket* = *landing card*; *landing-waiter*, a customs officer whose duty is to superintend the landing of goods and to examine them; *landing wire*, *Aeronaut.*, a wire on a biplane or light monoplane that is designed to take the weight of a wing when the aircraft is on the ground. Also *LANDING-NET, -PLACE*.

1910 R. FENIS *How it Flies* xx. 464 'Landing area, a piece of land specially prepared for the alighting of aeroplanes without risk of injury. 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) III. 23 *Landing area*, the part of the movement area primarily intended for the take-off and landing of aircraft. 1974 G. MITCHELL *Javelin for Jonah* ix. 115 You may go ahead with the new landing-areas for jump and pole. 1929 'Landing beam [see BEAM sb.¹ 24 b]. 1933 *Flight* 1 June 524 A pointer on a simple instrument showed him any deviation from the landing beam. 1945 *Aeronautics* Feb. 30 (heading) Diagram showing the aircraft... entering the landing beam. 1932 G. GREENE *Stomabul Train* i. 3 The purser took the last 'landing card', and watched the passengers cross the grey wet quay. 1950 P. BOTTOME *Under Skin* ii. 18 Got your landing card ready, and your passport? 1966 'W. HAGGARD' *Power House* vi. 58 He could be asked for a landing card and as a through-booking he didn't have one. 1973 *Times* 13 Dec. 11/2 He included landing cards among the paraphernalia of controls. 1940 W. S. CHURCHILL *Second World War* (1949) II. 593 Great efforts should be made to produce the 'landing-craft as soon as possible. 1942 R.A.F. *Jrnl.* 18 Apr. 32 Two landing craft were sent ashore with reconnaissance parties. 1943 Landing craft [see ASSAULT sb. 8]. 1953 *Jrnl. Brit. Interplanetary Soc.* XI. 275 The landing craft (a small supplementary vehicle designed for vertical descent with rocket braking, carried to the destination by the parent spaceship). 1957 P. WORSLEY *Trumpet shall Sound* vii. 141 Landing-craft of all kinds poured out their cargo upon the beaches. 1966 D. HOLBROOK *Flesh Wounds* 93 Three thousand landing craft were ready to move out of all the harbours along the coast, from Falmouth to Harwich. 1969 *Times* 21 July 8/2 At 1,500 ft., the astronauts slowed the landing craft and brought it gently down four miles off the scheduled target in the Sea of Tranquillity. 1922 *Flight* VI. 26/1 No man landing far will be cheered in respect

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of test flights before departure. 1972 *Times* 11 Feb. 1/1 Strong opposition has come from the airlines to a new system of landing fees which is to be introduced at Heathrow. 1921 *Aeronautics* 13 Jan. 26/1 The improvement of 'landing fields and equipment. 1959 *Chambers's Encycl.* I. 97 The emergency landing fields, which were set aside by the Royal Air Force for special purposes, were usually grass covered. 1936 *Technical Rep. Aeronaut. Res. Comm.* 1934-35 I. 30 Note that so many aeroplanes are being fitted with 'landing flaps it is important to permit the flap to extend along the whole span. 1940 *War Illustr.* 19 Jan. 620 With wheels and landing flaps lowered, the pilot makes his approach. 1966 *McGraw-Hill Encycl. Sci. & Technol.* XIV. 517/1 Structurally, the aileron is similar to the landing flap. 1956 *CAPERN Poems* (ed. 2) 143 A cautious footfall stealing Gently o'er the 'landing-floor'. 1921 *Rep. & Mem. Advisory Comm. Aeronaut.* No. 59. Nov. 103 The efficiency of 'landing gear on various sorts of ground may be tried. 1932 *Flight* 9 Jan. 30/1 The landing gear is designed to give very smooth landing and taxying characteristics. 1931 J. E. YOUNGER *Airplane Construction & Repair* iii. 48 Some airplanes are designed with landing gears which fold up into the fuselage and hence offer no direct wind resistance. 1951 *Amer. Speech* XXVI. 308/2 *Landing gear*, a strong support that holds up the front end of a semi-trailer when it is not attached to a tractor. 1971 *M. TAK Truck Talk* 97 *Landing gear*, the retractable supports on a trailer that prop up the front end when the trailer is unhitched from the tractor. 1971 *Physics Bull.* Apr. 217/1 Steels with improved fracture properties needed in nuclear submarines and aircraft landing gear are also under development. 1912 *Aeroplane* 12 Dec. 584/1 The great deterrent at present is the lack of proper 'landing grounds. 1920 *Landing ground* [see flying school (*flying sb.* 3)]. 1943 T. S. ELIOT in *Ld. Semple et al. Friendship, Progress, Civilisation* 20 To descend from this flight into generalities on to the particular landing-ground of the present occasion. 1961 L. VAN DER POST *Heart of Hunter* I. v. 88 The great pan... had a floor so wide, level and firm that... the biggest aircraft could land on it. I myself had used it as a landing-ground many times. 1742 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. ii. 320 A young Angler should be furnished... with... Landing-Hook... Shot and Floats of divers Sorts. 1951 *Jrnl. Brit. Interplanetary Soc.* X. 101 In the case of a Moonflight... this means a vertical descent using reverse rocket braking in conjunction with a radar-altimeter and 'landing-legs. 1969 *Sun* 22 July 1/2 The Eagle, leaving its spindly landing-legs behind, soared away. 1971 *Flight* 4 Jan. 18/1 A new system, called 'Triple glass' 'landing lights', proved to be inferior to petro flares. 1920 *Proc. Air Conf. London* 11 Aerodromes will be equipped... as night flying is practicable. Permanent electric landing lights... are being installed. 1922 *Flight XIV.* 510/2 Lighting Set (including navigation lights, landing lights and illumination of instruments). 1937 *Times* 16 Apr. 9/3 They see no reason why they should confuse coloured Very lights or landing lights in the air. 1942 *R.A.F. Jrnl.* 3 Oct. 7 From beneath him a landing light groped downwards. 1969 I. KEMP *Brit. G.I. in Vietnam* iii. 69 He... switched on his landing light, illuminating three paratroopers standing on the landing zone signalling us in. 1973 *Times* 11 Apr. 3/7 They used landing lights to make three trips and everyone on board was winched to safety. 1958 *World Helicopter* Apr. 6/1 Our cover picture shows one of Sabena's fleet of 12-passenger Sikorsky S.58's making a landing at the heliport on the strip between the two 80 ft. diameter 'landing pads. 1961 *New Scientist* 2 Mar. 528/3 The actual landing pad need still be no more than 150 ft. long and displacing 5,500 tons. 1967 *Gloss. Terms Air-Cushion Vehicles (B.S.I.)* 6 *Landing pads*, strong points, protruding below the rigid bottom of an ACV, which support the vehicle when at rest on land. 1969 *Islander* (Victoria, B.C.) 23 Mar. 10/1 The first landing pad for the young [helicopter] company was a patch of open land way down Shelbourne Street, at that time the outskirts of Victoria. 1969 *Times* 17 May 8/5 Its landing pads are 37 in. across, each of them fitted with a probe which can sense the surface. 1958 *SIMMONDS Dict. Trade*, **Landing-pier, Landing-stage*. 1861 M. PATRICKS *Ez.* (1859) I. 45 Broad 'landing quays covered with cranes lined the river bank. 1863 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 'Landing Rings, Gaffs, Nets, &c. &c.' 1943 *Life* 11 Oct. 34/2 The first is the LST ('Landing Ship, Tank'), 327 ft. long and displacing 5,500 tons. 1944 *Hutchinson's Pict. Hist. War* 27 Oct. 1943-11 Apr. 1944. 166 (caption) Landing Ship Tanks. These two landing ships tanks close inshore at Bougainville are unloading supplies and equipment for the U.S. Marines and army troops. 1944 *Daily Tel.* 11 Jul. It [sc. the port of Cherbourg] will be open shortly for craft of the L.S.T. type ('landing ship tanks'). 1945 T. BLORE *Turning Point*-1943 vi. 51 Cedric and I put off in a motor fishing vessel to find our Tank Landing Ship. 1952 W. S. CHURCHILL *Second World War* (1952) V. ii. 26 The 'landing-ship, tank'... had first been conceived and developed in Britain in 1940. 1961 B. FERGUSSON *Water Maze* IV. 106 Rear-Admiral Burrough, with the cruiser Kenya and four destroyers, was to escort the two landing ships. 1966 D. HOLBROOK *Flesh Wounds* 93 Paul's Squadron embarked on its Landing Ship Tank late on the 3rd June. 1969 *Times* 2 Feb. 13/4 The eastern end of the planned Apollo 'landing site'. 1972 *Nature* 3 Mar. 3/1 The landing site of Luna 20 was some 120 km north of the region from which Luna 16 recovered specimens. 1911 R. M. PIERCE *Dict. Aviation* 144 'Landing-speed...', the speed with which a landing or descent to the earth is made, as by a man falling from a height. 1937 *New Republic* 19 May 35/1 The modern air liner's landing speed has gone up as designers have boosted its top speed by refining line and form. 1961 P. W. BROOKS *Mod. Airliner* iii. 75 Wheel brakes... now became a necessity because of the increased take-off and landing speeds of the more heavily loaded monoplanes. 1958 'Landing-stage [see landing-pier above]'. 1861 *DICKENS Gr. Expect.* liv. 106 All landing-stage. 1868 *Less. Mid. Age* 269 On Monday morning, in a thick white fog, I entered a little steamer at the landing-stage at Liverpool. 1838 *DICKENS O-Twist* viii. The steps... form a 'landing-stairs from the river. 1887 *Spectator* 21 May 692/1 Jack is going to sea, and his friends are on the landing-stairs to take leave of him. 1838 *THIRWLAW Greece* III. xxii. 239 He... advanced foremost on the 'landing-steps. 1864 Mrs. LLOYD *Ladies Polc.* 28 A little natural pier, in which landing-steps had been cut. 1930 *Aircraft Engineering* Jan. 16/1 The standard intermediate field in low altitudes provides two 'landing strips' or runways. 1944 *Times* 1 July 4/3 Squadrons flying from landing strips in Normandy are taking advantage of every break in the clouds. 1966 W. GRAHAM *Sleeping Partner* 62

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Teleg. 246 In one type of electrolytic detector, now merely of historic interest, the processes of electrolysis are employed to form fine threads of metal across the gap or gaps, and these threads are destroyed by the oscillations to be detected. The consequent alteration of resistance is observed by telephone or galvanometer. Of this type is... the 'responder' de Forest and Smythe.

b. A device which automatically retransmits a pulse or signal on receiving one from an interrogator. Also *responder beacon*.

1945 *Nature* 15 Sept. 323/2 *A* and *B* are pulse-interrogator stations, the aircraft has a responder of constant and accurately known delay-time... 'G-H' and 'Babs'.. utilize coded responses sent back by a ground responder-beacon in reply to pulses from an airborne or shipborne interrogator. 1945 *Electronic Engin.* Oct. 73: Vehicles could now carry small questioning transmitters ('interrogators') and obtain replies from 'responder' beacons on land or sea. 1957 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 873 Y/1 Beacons of the synchronous sort just described are variously called radar beacons, responder beacons, radcons, or transponders, there being no important distinction among these terms. 1966 D. TAYLOR *Intro. Radar & Radar Techniques* iv. 45 A responder beacon... is a 'repeater', in the sense that it would retransmit after a very short time-interval any pulse signal received. 1977 *Offshore Engineer* Aug. 46/2 The remote vehicle's depth, horizontal range, slant range and relative bearing can all be determined by using this single responder in conjunction with Wesmar's new SS400TS sonar tracking system. The responder acts as a transmitter/receiver, receiving electronic signals through an umbilical.

3. *Biol. and Med.* An individual, structure, etc., that responds or reacts to some stimulus or treatment.

1963 *Jnl. Exper. Med.* CXVIII. 954 Responders showed both Arthus and delayed allergic skin reactions to the immunizing conjugates. 1973 *Nature* 30 Nov. 245/1 Cells were classified as either β^+ or β^- (responders and non-responders to β -adrenergic stimulators) or P+ or P- (responders and non-responders to prostaglandin E). 1976 *Lancet* 30 Oct. 928/1 A further analysis was made into responders and non-responders... The responders were defined as patients in whom the number of ulcers decreased by more than 50% over 2 or more months.

† *re'spondie*. Sc. Obs. (See *RESPONDE*.)

1645 *Act. Chas.* I (1814) VI. 180/1 To call for payment and comp't of all Respondeys and Debts addeed... to the publike. *Ibid.* 181/1 The Clerke... shall have the trust and keeping of the Respondey-Books, and of all the Accompts.

re'sponding, *ppl. a.* [f. *RESPOND* v. + -ING.] Corresponding; responsive.

1683 *Moxon's Mech. Exerc.*, *Printing* xxii. ¶7 He... removed them to the responding Quarter of the Form Imposing, into the responding places. 1819 T. CHALMERS *Serm.* (1836) I. 232 A responding affection can be deposited in the heart of man. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Romola* xxiv. A loud responding sob rose at once from the wide multitude. 1922 G. CECIL *Life Ld. Salisbury* II. vi. 219 His action was generally attributed to the decision to call off the Reserves... and Lord Beaconsfield implied as much in his responding speech. 1933 C. VANDYCK *Contract Contracted* 21 As the Playing Trick count is not used until the Trump Suit has been decided upon the Responding Hand is obviously the first one to use it. 1952 J. MACLEOD *Bridge* vi. 73 The responding hand... never assumes, at least until the second trial bid, that the opener is slammimg. 1965 in J. Money Sex Research 107 Seldom does the responding female directly manipulate the clitoris through an entire sexual response cycle. 1968 R. KYLE *Love Lab.* (1969) xviii. 210 Data on several hundred responding individuals has more scientific validity than data on one.

responsa: see *RESPONSUM*.

† *re'sponsable*, a. Obs. rare. [= F. and Sp. *responsable*, It. *responsabile*, med.L. *responsabilis*, f. *responsare*.] Responsible.

1641 'SMECTYNUUS' *Answ.* xviii. (1653) 76 But now since Episcopacy comes to be challenged as a Divine Ordinance, how shall wee be responsible to those Texts. 1648 ASHURST *Reasons agst. Agremt.* 11 Men that can neither write, read, nor have any estates responsible.

† *re'sponsal*, sb. Obs. Also 5-7 *responsall*(e, 6 Sc. *responsaill*, [ad. med.L. *responsalis* (see next), used as sb. in various senses.].

1. A liturgical response or respond.

1432-50 tr. *Higden (Rolls)* V. 395 The tenors of whiche letters... with the responsallis [L. *responsio*] of Gregory,.. were putte in the registre of Gregory. c. 1480 HENSON *Test. Cres.* 127 Ye gave me anis ane deince responsall That I sulde be the flour of luf in Troy. 1609 *Armen Maid's of More-Cl.* (1880) 96 T'would alay his not endeavours with a cold responsall. 1624 F. WHITE *Repl. Fisher* 241 The determination... is like Apollo his riddles and responsalls. 1652 N. COLVERWELL *Ll. Nature* I. xiii. (1661) 109 How cauteuous they were in their Oracular Responsalls:

B. A liturgical response or respond.

a 1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* iv. 123 The responsals or antiphons wherein each of them catcheth at the other's part. 1688 *Answ. Dissenter's Objections to Bk. Common Prayer* 11 The Responsals of the Congregation are Matters of Offense to some. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Suppl.* s.v. *Antiphony*, St. Ambrose [calls antiphony] responsoria, or singing by responsals. 1893 J. CHRISTIE *Acc. Prison Clerks* 15 Ability to read the Epistles and Lessons, to sing Responsals, Grails, and other parts of the Service.]

2. The respondent in a disputation. Also attrib.

c. 1500 in *Peacock Stat. Cambridge* (1841) App. p. xxxviii, The Responsall shall have a Deske ordeneid for hym byfor the Father. c. 1552 B.F. GARDNER *Explic. Cath. Faith* 130 One was answered at Cambridge when he pressed the responsall, what saye ye to myne argumete. 1574 in *Peacock Stat. Cambridge* (1841) App. p. xi, A Sophister

provided by the Proctour shall knele before the Responsall sett [= seat].

3. One appointed by a prelate to give or send replies to questions; an apocrisiary.

1570 FOXE A. & M. (ed. 2) 308/2 The Archbyshop receaving this appellation, and saying that he would sunswere to the same either by him selfe or by his responsall. 1610 DONNE *Pseudo-martyr* 23 He suspended him vntill he might understand from his Responsall with the Emperor, whether that pretended Commandement... were not subreptitious.

† *re'sponsal*, a. Obs. Also 4 -ail. [ad. late L. *responsalis* (6th c.), f. *responsare* to reply. Cf. OF. *reponsal*, -el.]

1. Answerable, responsible.

c. 1400 *Beryn* 2623 Such answers vs purvey, pat pey... shull be responsall for of [sic] wele. 1550 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 106 Giff he be noch responsall for the said soume, that the Schereff... putt him in the irris. 1587 *Ibid.* IV. 192 His complices naways being responsall in law to answer for their deid. 1641 HEYLVN *Hist. Episc.* n. (1657) 442 The Presbyters... in the Countrey villages, should be responsall to the Bishop. 1653 *Consid. Dissolving Crat. Chanc.* 44 [They] will want that wisdom and estates, which the other have to make them responsall.

2. Responsive; of the nature of responses.

1607 S. COLLINS *Serm.* (1608) 25 They should haue beeene like an Oracle responsall, without any Phillipizing. 1653 R. LOVEDAY *Let.* (1663) 45 'Tis but an easie task for your Pen, and will engaine mine to be responsall. 1680 BAXTER *Cath. Commun.* (1684) A 2 That the Primitive Churches had some Responsal Forms. I shall recite an evidence out of Chrysostom. 1738 *NEAL Hist. Purit.* IV. 416 The Liturgy to be abbreviated... by omitting all the Responsal prayers.

3. Correspondent, appropriate. rare¹.

1647 SPRINGER *Anglia Rediv.* III. vi. (1854) 168 Would thou haue took that leasure time to visit some responsal clime.

re'sponsa', rare. [ad. med.L. *responsarium*.] = RESPONSORY sb.

c. 1557 ABP. PARKER *Ps.* Gij. And after that... make a great noise by the responsaries... of the Psalms. 1715 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* I. 256 The Pagans had not only such certain forms of Prayer, but also Repetitions and Responsaries. 1866 *Liturgy Ch. Sarum* 88 The Ten Commandments, and their responsaries.

response (*ri'spons*). Forms: 4 respons(e, 4, 6 respons, 5-6 response, 7- response. [In ME., a. OF. *respons*, *respons* (mod.F. *répons*) masc. or directly ad. L. *responsum* neut. (also late L. *responsus* masc.), f. *responsére* to RESPOND.]

1. a. An answer, a reply.

c. 1300 *Beket* 825 In a chambre faste iloke alle hi were ibrostat, That hi ne schole aspicie noȝt er hi response sede. c. 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wad* 1192 þe chartre pey schewed per barouns, & seide, swich ys Arthures respons. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 98 What was his respons written, I ne saud ne hau. 1533 BELLENDELL *Ley.* i. xix. (S.T.S.) I. 109 It is said þat Turnus was na thing satifly on his respons. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poetie* iii. xix. (Arb.) 214 Ye haue a figurative speach which the Greeks cal Antipophora, I name him the Respons. 1604 R. CADWREY *Table Alph.* (1613), *Responses*, answers. 1673 CAVE *Prim. Chr.* i. vii. 192 The Author of the Questions and Responses. 1675 BAXTER *Cath. Theol.* I. 113 He... needeth no more of mine for the confutation of his vain responses. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 266 ¶4, I heard an old and a young Voice repeating the Questions and Responses of the Church-Catechism. 1751 HARRIS *Hermes Wks.* (1841) 161 With respect to the interrogative, the return is necessarily made in words... which are called a response or answer. 1798 COLEBRIDGE *Acn. Mair.* 411 But... speak again, Thy soft response renewing. 1869 A. HARWOOD *tr. E. de Presente Early Yrs. Chr.* III. iii. 404 We know the response of ancient philosophy to this question.

2. *transf.* and *fig.* An action or feeling which answers to some stimulus or influence; spec. in *Psychol.* (freq. opposed to *stimulus*), an observable reaction to some specific stimulus or situation; the fact of such reaction.

1815 SHELLEY *Alastor* 564 A pine... to each inconstant blast Yielding one only response. 1860 TYNDALL *Glac.* I. §15. 103 A joyous rush was the creature's first response which found expression in his own mind seemed to have been lost. 1908 E. L. THORNDIKE in *Ess. Philos. & Psychol. in Honor W. James* 597 A situation arouses a response which brings an annoying state of affairs. The probability of a similar response in the future is lessened. 1919 J. B. WATSON *Psychol.* i. 16 Having now examined at some length into the general nature of both stimulus and response, we should be prepared to understand the object of a psychological experiment. 1934 H. DAVIS in C. MURCHISON *Handbk. Gen. Exper. Psychol.* 083 They... constitute an objective response of great value for analyzing the activities of the cortical tissue. 1948 A. C. KINSEY et al. *Sexual Behav. Human Male* v. 159 Evidence of minimal phasic components with good enough physical responses. 1952 FORD & BEACH *Patterns Sexual Behav.* XII. 239 Her capacity for complete response returned. 1957 B. F. SKINNER in *Saporta & Bastian Psycholinguistics* (1961) v. 228/1 Semantic theory is often confined to the relation between response and stimulus which prevails in the verbal operant called the tact. 1965 in J. Money Sex Research 101 Three women were able to achieve orgasmic response by breast manipulation alone. 1976 SENTER & DIMONDO *Psychol.* vi. 102 Relaxation and anxiety are competing responses. You must behave in one way or the other.

c. The way in which an apparatus responds to a stimulus or range of stimuli.

1911 H. M. HOBART *Dict. Electr. Engin.* II. 630/1 The receiver must be sharply tuned so that the variations of frequency may be sufficient to make an appreciable

difference in the strength of its response. 1915 W. H. ECCLES *Wireless Teleg.* 245 Fig. 176 shows the response of the detector (change of *I*) at various values of the intensity of magnetism *I* and the field *H*, for four different magnetic cycles. 1926, etc. [see *frequency response* s.v. FREQUENCY 6 a]. 1958 O. R. FRISCH *Nuclear Handbk.* XIV. 16 In designing a scintillation counter the spectrum of the fluorescent radiation must be marked as far as possible with the spectral response of the multiplier. 1962 G. MILLERSON *Television Production* iii. 41 Where the tube's response to red is excessive, this may be held back with an appropriate green or blue filter. 1970 J. EARL *Tuners & Amplifiers* iii. 68 The latest 'quality' amplifiers... boast a power response which is almost as good as the frequency response.

d. Bridge. A reply to a partner's opening (or subsequent) bid.

1939 N. de V. HART *Bridge Players' Bedside Bk.* x. 52 South's response of Six Clubs showed first round control of clubs. 1947 S. HARRIS *Fund. Princ. Contract Bridge* I. iv. 35 It sometimes happens that South is able to make a positive response. 1958 *Listener* 16 Oct. 61 1/2 West makes her natural response of Three Diamonds. 1967 P. ANDERTON *Play Bridge* iii. 28 The negative response is 2 N.T. in which case the hand will probably be played in 3 H. 1976 *Times* 1 May 12/6 A minimum response can be shown only by a rebid of the suit.

2. *Eccl.* a. = RESPONSORY sb. I.

1450-1530 MYRR. our Lady 107 After lessons foloweth Responsories. *Ibid.* Thy fyriste responce vs song in paythe and in praysonys of the blyssed Trynyte. 1592 tr. *Junius on Rev.* xiii. 3 The song of the Antiphonic or response. 1811 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* (ed. 3), *Response*, or *Responsa*. The name of a kind of anthem sung in the Roman church after the morning lesson. 1836 *Tracts for Times* No. 75, Lesson 8. (Homily continued)... Response 8 (used on the Sundays after Trinity). 1879 SIMMONS *Lay Folks Mass Book* 200 The laity... were not allowed to read the lessons in church, nor to say the *Alleluia*, but only the psalms and the responses (*responsoria*), without the *Alleluia*.

b. A part of the liturgy said or sung by the congregation in reply to the priest. (Correlative to VERSICLE.)

1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* xxxi. 6 Observing their responses most superstitiously. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 213 ¶2 [He] was seen soon after reading the Responses with great Gravity at Six of Clock Prayers. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian* xi, Again he fancied her voice spoke in a part of the plaintive response delivered by the nuns. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* ii. 16 Where priest and cleric with joint exertion strive...; That, by his periods eloquent and grave; This, by responses, and a well-set stave. 1886 RUSKIN *Praterita* I. 354 The responses of the morning prayer.

3. An oracular answer.

1513 DOUGLAS *Aeneis* x. i. 76 Sa feyll responsis of the goddis abufe a 1664 HAMMOND (J.). The oracles... from giving responses in verse, descended to prose. 1687 A. LOVELL tr. *Thevenot's Trav.* i. 37 He that demands the response, roles [sc. a piece of wood] three times. 1762 WARBURTON *Doctr. Grace* i. v. In the Mosaic dispensation... where the church was conducted in every step, at first by oracular responses, and afterwards by... Prophets. 1822 SHELLEY tr. *Calderon's Mag. Prodig.* i. 138 Consider the ambiguous responses of their oracular statues. 1869 TOZER *High. Turkey* II. 219 The ancient oracle... from which... the Greeks of his time used to seek responses.

4. Mus. In a fugue, the repetition of the given subject by another part' (Busby).

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 491/2 Every fugue finds its response in the part immediately following that which commenced. 1854 CHERUBINI *Counter. & Fugue* 63 It may be said that the Response decides the particular kind and nature of the fugue.

5. pl. = RESPONSEN 3.

1810 *Oxford Univ. Cal.* p. ii, Feb. 21, Responses commence.

6. attrib. and Comb., as *response function*, *rate*, esp. in *Psychol.*, as *response bias*, *-movement*, *pattern*, *probability*, *set*; *response-contingent* adj.; *response time* *Electr.*, the time taken for a circuit or measuring device, when subjected to a change in input signal, to change its state by a specified fraction of its total response to that change.

1970 *Jnl. Gen. Psychol.* LXXXII. 63 These findings appear to be incompatible with the notion that both scales measure 'response bias'. 1958 B. FLANAGAN et al. in *Saporta & Bastian Psycholinguistics* (1961) 415 (title) The control of stuttering through 'response-contingent consequences'. 1973 *Sci. Amer.* May 97/1 The results of such analyses produce response functions... which can be plotted to show the mean responses of different species of trees to conditions of temperature, precipitation and prior growth. 1975 D. G. FINK *Electronics Engineers' Handbk.* xxv. 25 The antennas and receiver are configured to match a target signal at a particular angle, delay, and frequency. The radar will respond with reduced gain to targets at other angles, delays, and frequencies. This 'response' function can be expressed as a surface in a four-dimensional coordinate system. 1982 VAN LIEW & BEYER tr. *Ziehen's Introd. Physiol. Psychol.* i. 14 Goltz has termed the automatic movements 'response-movements'. 1936 J. KANTOR *Objective Psychol. of Gram.* xx. 290 For objective psychology, moods are nothing but particular 'response-patterns' or speech-community styles of utterance. 1965 *Brit. Jnl. Psychol.* LVI. 217 (heading) Response patterns and strategies in the dynamics of concept attainment behaviour. 1966 W. N. DEMBER *Psychol. of Perception* (1970) viii. 287 All of the word-recognition experiments can be interpreted in terms of 'response-probability'. 1946 *Jnl. Amer. Statist. Assoc.* XL. 522 The number of mail questionnaire and field interviews required to achieve a specified precision will vary with the 'response rate'. 1966 Rep. Comm. Inquiry Univ. Oxf. II. 351 The figures for Great Britain are from a survey (with response rate of 53 per cent.) of those university teachers who responded to the inquiry by the Robbins Committee in 1961-2 (in which the response rate was 86 per cent.). 1970 *Jnl. Gen. Psychol.* LXXXII. 64 'Response set'

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is a generalized tendency to be agreeable. 1972 D. P. CAMPBELL in J. N. Butcher *Objective Personality Assessment* vi. 119 Response set, acquiescence and social desirability, are currently popular.. even though the data in support of them [as concepts] are will-o'-the-wispy, at best. 1958 R. B. HURLEY *Junction Transistor Electronics* xix. 364 Output response times are reduced by a factor of 2.5. 1970 WILLARDSON & BEER *Semiconductors & Semimetals* V. i. 7 The response time is determined by the rate at which the [infrared detector] element warms and cools. 1975 D. G. FINN *Electronics Engineers' Handbook*. xvii. 49 Performance specifications usually include the response of the system to a step input, measured in terms of response time, rise time, delay time, settling time, and overshoot.

Hence responsible *a.*, giving no response or reply; *re'sponsible*, one who makes response.

1845 *Blackw. Mag.* LVIII. 36 The base, cold crowd... Stood round, responsible to his fire. 1845 JANE ROBINSON *Whitehall* xix. 221 Mistress Chaloner looked at him... to ascertain who this lively responder was.

responsibility. [See next and -ITY. So F. *responsabilité*, It. *-ità*, Sp. *-idad*.]

1. The state or fact of being responsible.

1787 HAMILTON *Federalist* No. 63 II. 193 Responsibility in order to be reasonable must be limited to objects within the power of the responsible party. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iii. Sel. Wks. (1892) 258 Where I speak of responsibility, I do not mean to exclude that species of it [etc.]. 1827 SOUTHEY *Hist. Pennus. War II.* 746 He was made to understand that any risk which he incurred would be upon his own responsibility. 1874 SAYCE *Compar. Philol.* viii. 305 It is only when the conception of the individual has been reached that the idea of responsibility begins. 1973 *Black Panther* 17 Nov. 3/1 The attack was deliberate and appears to be associated with the letter from the 'Symbionese Liberation Army' claiming responsibility. 1974 *Oxford Mail* 26 Oct. 1/4 Four explosions shook New York's business and financial districts within a few minutes today and a self-styled Puerto Rican liberation movement claimed responsibility.

b. Const. of the thing done or to be done.

1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xvii. Then the entertainment began... Mr. Codlin having the responsibility of deciding on its length. 1847 PRESCOTT *Peru* (1850) II. 137 He still shrank from the responsibility of the deed. 1881 W. COLLINS *Black Robe* viii. I took the responsibility of leaving him undisturbed.

c. Const. for.

1903 G. B. SHAW *Man & Superman* i. 17 Mamma knows that she is not strong enough to bear the whole responsibility for me and Rhoda without some help and advice. 1928 E. O'NEILL *Strange Interlude* ii. 66 Looks damnable upset... Wants to evade all responsibility for her, I suppose. 1971 G. K. ROBERTS *Dict. Polit. Analysis* 190 The individual responsibility of British ministers for the actions of their civil servants. 1974 *Black Panther* 19 Jan. 3/1 A communiqué signed by the Symbionese Liberation Army claimed responsibility for the attack. 1975 *Times* 20 Aug. 13/1 Just as one was wondering who would 'claim responsibility' for spoiling the Headingley wicket—Saor Eire, the Women's Liberation Army—up popped the Campaign to Free George Davis. 1981 M. SPARK *Loitering with Intent* ii. 32, I can't take responsibility for your mother this afternoon.

2. a. With *a* and *pl.* A charge, trust, or duty, for which one is responsible.

1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iii. Sel. Wks. (1892) 258 That confidence... fixes a responsibility on the Ministers entire and undivided. 1847 C. BRONTE *J. Eyre* iv, Anxious to be relieved of a responsibility that was becoming irksome. 1880 10th Cent. Apr. 687 As the responsibilities became greater and warfare more scientific.

b. A person for whom one is responsible.

1832 MARYAT N. *Forster* xxxvi, [He] would hand over to Newton's charge any one of the unmarried responsibilities.

c. A person to whom one is responsible; a person in authority. *nonce-use*.

1893 E. Dowson *Let. c 22 Mar.* (1967) 275, I have to let the responsibilities know exactly how many people I have involved.

3. U.S. 'Ability to answer in payment; means of paying contracts' (*Cent. Dict.* 1890).

responsible (rɪ'sponsib(ə)l), *a.* (and *sb.*) [*a. obs. F. responsible* (1502), *f. L. respons-, respondere* to RESPOND. Cf. RESPONSABLE.]

A. adj. *† 1.* Correspondent or answering to something. *Obs.*

1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum.* II. i. The admiration of your Forme; to which (if the bounties of your minds be any way responsible) etc. 1629 MAXWELL tr. *Herodian* (1635) 140 If you expect a Doome, or Death, responsible to your blake deeds, and detestable Villaines; the World cannot afford it. 1668 FRYER *Acc. E. India & P.* 14 The Mouth large, but not responsible to so large a Body.

† 2. Capable of being answered. *Obs. rare*¹.

1647 LILLY *Chr. Astro*. xviii. 383 This is a difficult Question, and yet by Astrologie responsible.

3. *Answerable, accountable* (*to another for something*); liable to be called to account.

1643 PRYNNE *Sou. Power Part.* III. App. 12 To hold this Popish erroneous opinion, that they are in no case responsible to either their whole Kingdomes or Parliaments for their grossest exorbitances. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius' Voy. Ambas.* 405 Being responsible to the King for what might happen to us. 1720 WATERLAND *Doctr. v. Wks.* 1823 V.

b. Morally accountable for one's actions; capable of rational conduct.

1836 J. GILBERT *Chr. Atomen* ii. (1852) 50 The great God has treated us as responsible beings. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* IV. xviii. 35 James arrived at an age when he could be treated as responsible. 1875 BAIN *Mental & Mor. Sci.* 396 In criminal procedure, a man is accounted responsible if motives still continue to have power over him.

c. responsible government: (see quot. 1910); also in extended use (esp. under influence of sense 5).

1839 LD. DURHAM *Rep. Affairs Brit. N. Amer.* 142 By creating high prizes in a general and responsible Government, we shall immediately afford the means of pacifying the turbulent ambitions, and of employing in worthy and noble occupations the talents which now are only exerted to foment disorder. 1865 EARL RUSSELL *Essay on Hist. Eng. Govt. & Constitution* p. lxviii, Others said, 'the grant of what is called "responsible government", [in Canada] is a grant of independence. It must be resisted. 1906 W. S. CHURCHILL in R. S. CHURCHILL *Winston S. Churchill* (1969) II. Compan. i. 506 We are not, of course, confined to any particular form of Responsible Government. 1910 *Colonial Office List* v. i. 633 The colonies possessing responsible government, in which the Crown has only reserved the power of disallowing legislation and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has no control over any public officer except the Governor. 1930 G. B. SHAW *Apple Cart* i. 33 The people have found out long ago that democracy is humbug, and that instead of establishing responsible government it has abolished it. 1957 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 174/2 The device known as dyarchy, or double government, was intended to train Indians for responsible government.

4. U.S. Answerable to a charge.

1656 in T. Hutchinson *Hist. Mass.* (1765) 452 You are required to attach the goods or lands of William Stevens to the value of one hundred pounds, so as to bind the same to be responsible at the next court at Boston.

5. a. Capable of fulfilling an obligation or trust; reliable, trustworthy; of good credit and repute.

Also in *Comb.*

1691 LOCKE *Consid. Money Wks.* 1714 II. 12 Not knowing that the Bill or Bond is true or legal, or that the Man bound to me is honest or responsible. 1837 JANE AUSTEN *Persuasion* iii. Could not be a better time, Sir Walter, for having a choice of tenants, very responsible tenants. 1853 C. BRONTE *Vilette* xiv. There was about him a manly responsible look, that redeemeed his youth. 1884 J. QUINCY *Figures of Past 345* The collection and delivery of parcels... might be undertaken by one responsible person. 1896 H. JOHNSTON *Dr. Congalton's Legacy* ix. 103 Responsible landowners, bonnet-lairds, farmers, otherwise a nondescript crowd.

Comb. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* xxviii, A responsible-looking gentleman dressed in black. 1891 MOSTYN *Curatica* 57 When the meeting was dissolved, I joined myself to a responsible-looking brother, and... begged an explanation.

1960 *Times* 7 Mar. 13/5 Are publishers responsible-minded parents?

b. Of respectable appearance.

1870 S. G. PRATT *Emma Corbett* (ed. 4) I. 98 A new wig... to be made so as to resemble a responsible head of hair. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* xviii, His linen is arranged to a nicety, and he is wrapped in a responsible dressing-gown.

6. Involving responsibility or obligation.

1855 PRESCOTT *Philip II.* I. i. ii. 12 He selected two persons for the responsible office of superintending his education. 1880 19th Cent. Apr. 707 Native officers so appointed to high and responsible positions.

b. sb. pl. An actor who undertakes to play any part which may be temporarily required.

1885 JEROME *On the Stage* 80 In the provinces, thirty shillings is a high figure for a good all-round 'responsible'.

Ibid. 121 Hearing that one of their 'responsibles' had just left, I went straight to the manager,.. and was accepted.

Hence responsible.

1727 in BAILEY (vol. II). 1812 G. CHALMERS *Dom. Econ. Gr. Brit.* 138 At this crisis... every bill was suspected, as being of doubtful responsibility. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits v. Ability.* They have solidarity, or responsibility, and trust in each other.

re'sponsibly, adv. rare. [f. prec. + -LY².] In a responsible manner.

1847 in WEBSTER. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* (1900) 240 Mr. Beeton stood by with the air of an ambassador and behaved responsibly.

responsion (rɪ'sponʃn). Also 6. -cion. [*a. F. responsion* (*tresponcion*), = Sp. *responcion*, It. *re-*, *risponsione*, or ad. L. *responsion-ēm*, n. of action f. *responsēre* to RESPOND.]

1. An answer or reply; a response. Now rare.

1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) 10 By any responsions or petitions of them in parlament. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xi. (Percy Soc.) 42 Seven sophisms... Thys ydne used... Unto the people, and was full rigorous To devoue them, where lacked responsion. 1555 W. WATHEMAN *Fardle Facions* Pref. 13 By obscure and doubtfully attempted Responsions, and voices of spirtis. 1656 S. HOLLAND *Zara* (1719) 123 To the first he yielded a ready responsion, but to the other he answered in very obscure terms. 1677 GALE *Crt. Gentiles* III. 99 To confer among themselves by Questions and Responsions or Answers. 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) II. 10 Fourth point—responsion performed in the presence of the judge. 1880 *Cent. Mag.* XIX. 294 (Cent.). Everywhere in nature, Whitman finds human relations, human responsions.

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Torfischyn. 1480 *Acta Dom. Conc.* (1839) 50 be soume of vix' pund, of pe Responsioune of pe said Trestramys landis, auch to our souuerain lord. 1540 *Act 32 Hen. VIII.* c. 24 Commanderies, preceptories, contribucions, responsions, rentes... which appertained... to the priours. [1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey). *Responsions*, a Word us'd among the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, for certain Accounts made to them, by such as held their Lands, or Stocks. 1727-38 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. Such a knight Templar paid a responsion of fifty pounds per annuum to his order, on account of such a commandery.]

3. pl. The first of the three examinations which candidates for the B.A. degree at Oxford were required to pass. (Responsions were ended by statute in 1960.)

1813 *Oxford Univ. Cal.* p. ii, Feb. 17, Responsions commence. 1845 WILLIAM GRESLEY *Frank's Trip to Continent* 2 He had just come home from Oxford after having... passed his responsions. 1881 *Truth* 6 Oct. 443 The new examination in lieu of responsions at Oxford, which has just been instituted.

4. A public university disputation.

1841 PEACOCK *Stat. Camb.* 9 When they had kept two responsions... under the regency of a master of arts.. they were presented... as candidates for admission.

responsive (rɪ'sponsɪv), *a.* and *sb.* [*a. F. responsif, -ive*, = Sp. and It. *responsivo*, or ad. late L. *responsivus*, f. *respons-*, *respondēre*; see RESPOND *v.* and -IVE.]

A. adj. 1. Answering, responding; making answer or reply. *ta.* Of letters or epistolary replies. Also in *pl. form.* *Obs.*

1529 WOLSEY in Burnet *Hist. Ref.* (1679) I. Rec. II. xxiii. 62 Shew unto the same how ye have received Letters from the King's Highness and me, responsives to such as ye wrote. c.1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ix. 3 Suppos I am not eloquent To wryt 300 answer responsyve. 1620 BRENT tr. *Sarpi's Counc. Trent* ii. (1676) 126 When there shall be occasion to write some Letter, missive, or responsive. 1726 ALYFFE *Parergon* 157 A Certificate... is a Responsive Letter, or Letter by way of Answer.

b. In other uses. Also const. to.

1667 MILTON *P.L.* iv. 683 Celestial voices.. Sole, or responsive each to others note. 1715 POPE *Odyss.* I. 200 High strains responsive to the vocal string. 1747 COLLINS *Passions* 37 A soft responsive voice was heard at every close. 1781 COOPER *Charity* 17 Responsive to the distant neigh he neighs. 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) III. 48 By the responsive testimony of the defendant, the existence of the criminative fact cannot be established. 1850 BLACKIE *Aschylus* 1. 26 There the grey heath lit the responsive fire. 1889 *Daily News* 25 July 7/2 The proctors for the Bishop of Lincoln were assigned to bring in their responsive allegation within a fortnight.

c. Bridge. Of a double: used to invite a change to an unbid suit in response to a partner's take-out double.

1959 *Listener* 12 Mar. 489/3 His double would be 'responsive'. *Ibid.* 30 July 190/1 The responsive double is a double intended to give information when partner has already made an infomatory double. 1964 *Official Encycl. Bridge* 456/2 The minimum strength for a responsive double varies slightly with the level of the auction. 1973 REES & DOMER *Compl. Bk. Bridge* viii. 120 Responsive doubles are usually played up to the level of three spades.

2. Correspondent or corresponding. rare.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 159 Three of the carriages in-faith are... very responsive to the hilts. 1634 CANNE *Necess. Separ.* (1649) 34 The bishops... do not maturely consider the responsive conclusions which follow upon their principles. 1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* i. 17, He extended it by the addition of four responsive or relative modes.

3. Responding readily to some influence.

1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 45 Thus, and so quick, the helm vibrations of pleasurable emotions seemed more responsive than common. 1841 D'ISRAEL *Amer. Lit.* (1867) 584 The imaginative critic has described the excursions of our muse with responsive sympathy. 1868 DICKENS *Lett. 29 Jan.* They are a bright, responsive people here. 1871 HOLME *Lee Miss Barrington* II. xv. 232 Felicia seemed attentive and responsive.

b. Const. to.

1768 BEATTIE *Minstr.* I. iv. Responsive to the sprightly pipe, when all in sprightly dance the village youth were join'd. 1793 *Minstrel* II. 55 The heart of Eleanor did not beat responsive to his warm attachment. 1850 MCCOSH *Div. Govt.* II. ii. (1874) 210 There is no living being to feel responsive to his feelings. 1884 J. M. MATHER *Life & Teaching Ruskin* (ed. 2) 5 His nature was responsive to the influences brought to bear upon it.

4. Characterized by the use of responses.

1778 BR. LOWTH *Transl. Isaiah* xxvii. 2 In that day, To the beloved Vineyard, sing ye a responsive song. 1848 R. I. WILSEY *Force, Doctor, Incarnation* xii. (1852) 326 Where this responsive system of worship is lost, the nature of a public service will soon be forgotten. 1882 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* II. 565 The alteration of the responsive system of prayer into that of prayer by the minister alone.

5. Responsible, answerable. Obs. rare.

1642 JER. TAYLOR *Episc.* (1647) 372 For all of it, he is responsive to God Almighty. 1646 — *Apol. Liturgy* §133 Such persons... for whom the Church her self may safely be responsive, that is, to men learned and pious.

b. sb. *An answer, a response.* *Obs.*

1683 CAVE *Ecclesiasticī, Epiph.* 429 In answer to both he wrote *Artemonibȝ*... a large Responsive, wherein he particularly opens the Doctrine of the Catholick Church.

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economic upliftment of the people of the region. 1976 *Nigerian Chor.* 18 Aug. 12/2 Mr Onette congratulated the people of Ososoba... for their initiative towards educational up-liftment in their community. 1979 P. NIHALANI et al. *Indian & Brit. Eng.* i. 187 The upliftment of the rural areas should be a top priority for the government. 1984 *Times* 25 Aug. 5/2 His immediate priorities would be the economic and educational upliftment of his people.

'uplight.' [UP- 2.] = next.

1982 *Program 1982/83* (Ercro trade catal.) 66 Up-lights are the free-standing version of downlights. They illuminate the ceiling. 1983 *Homes & Gardens* Mar. 92/2 We decided to have uplights to cast light on to the fabric.

'uplighter.' [UP- 2.] A light placed or designed to throw illumination upward.

1969 *Queen* 17-30 Sept. 96/2 Rotaflex uplighters in plain black cans, shining on, say, a picture. 1974 *Habitat Catalog* 1/16/1 Uplighter... to stand on the floor or a low table to light a strategically placed plant or shaped object. 1978 J. KRANTZ *Scrapes* iii. 67 He installed three ten-foot-tall Kentia palms he got wholesale at Kind's, lit them from underneath with uplighters. 1983 *Homes & Gardens* Nov. 137 Best lighting for watching television comes from an uplighter placed behind the set; it cuts down glare and avoids reflections on the screen.

'uplink.' [UP- 2.] A communication link for transmissions from the earth to a satellite, weather balloon, etc. Freq. attrib.

1968 W. M. GRIGGS *AMSS Prototype Radiosonde* (Rep. AD-680-409) 4 The radiosonde is designed to perform two functions... As a transponder, it must receive the uplink range tones. 1975 *Sci. Amer.* June 127/1 Since its launch in late 1972 it has offered a repeater service open to all, with uplink at two meters and a downlink at 10. 1982 *New Scientist* 9 Sept. 682/1 These 'uplink' signals are at frequencies between 5.9 and 6.4 gigahertz.

'up lock, v.' [UP- 4 + LOCK v.¹] trans. To lock up.

1660 FAIRFAX *Tasso* xix. xxxix, Come, come,.. Thy selfe within this fortresse safe vplocke. 1611 R. BADLEY *Panegy. Verses in Coryat Crudities*, Thy bitter journey... Deserv'd the sweetest wines Piemont up-locks. 1689 in *Law Hampton Court Pal.* (1891) III. 9 Then Benting up-locks His King in a box.

'uplocked, ppl. a.' (UP- 5. Cf. prec.)
c. 1600 SHAKS. *Sonn.* iii, So am I as the rich whose blessed key, Can bring him to his sweet vp-locked treasure.

'uplong, prep., sb., and a.' [UP adv. + long ALONG prep. and adv.] A. prep. Up along.

1762 FALCONER *Shipw.* i. 198 Uplong the slipp'ry Masts the Yards ascend.

B. sb. A strengthening bar extending along the sail of a windmill.

1819 REES *Cycl.* s.v. *Windmill*, There ought to be three uplongs... to the driving, and two to the leading side... to strengthen the lattice. 1802 P. H. EMERSON *Son of Fens* xxiii. 356 That uplong have got loose.

C. adj. Extending upwards.

1875 MORRIS *Eneid* ix. 244 In daily hunt, whereby we learned the river's uplong brim.

'uplook, sb.' [UP- 2.] An upward look or glance.

1836 T. Power *Impressions of Amer.* II. 235 The Virginian, tall of stature... with an open up-look. 1869 RUSKIN *Q. of Air* §135 To all true modesty the necessary business is not inlook, but outlook, and especially uplook. 1888 FLO. WARDEN *Woman's Face* II. xv. 112 Giving her a very straight uplook into the eyes.

'up'look, v.' (UP- 4. Cf. UPLOOKING pres. pple.)
a 1300 *Cursor M.* 1820 Noe, fined nopeir night ne day For pat caitue folk to grai,... Bot durst he never wel [Göt. wid eit] vp-lok. 1596 SPENSER *F.Q.* vi. iii. 11 The morrow next, when day gan to vplooke, He also gan vplooke with drey eye. 1818 MILMAN *Samor* vii. 840 But not as wont, uplooks he to the sky.

'up'looker.' (UP- 8.)
1581 MARBECK *Bk. of Notes* 66 Which thing the Greeks noted by the name of a man, calling him *Anthropos*, an uplooker. 1895 *Expositor* April 260 Prayers that had long been flushed from the souls of these up-lookers.

'up'looking, pres. pple. and ppl. a.' (UP- 6, 6 b.)
a 1340 HANDBL. *Psalter*, etc. 497 Thynnynd ere myn eyghn vplookand [L. *supinere*] in heghe. 1805 *Worlsw. Prel.* vi. 86 Often have I stood Foot-bound uplooking at this lovely tree. 1838 Mrs. BROWNING *Couper's Grave* vii. Wild timid hares... Uplooking to his human eyes with sylvan tendernesses. 1881 J. MARTINEAU *Ess. & Addr.* (1891) IV. 306 Two minds present with each other in uplooking and uplifting attitude.

'up'looper, Obs. [ad. Du. *oplooper*, f. *oploopen* to leap up; see UPLEAP v.] A variety of pigeon resembling a pouter.

1735 J. MOORE *Columbarium* 36 To trip beautifully with his feet... without jumping, which is the quality of an Uplooper. 1765 *Treat. Dom. Pigeons* 104 When it approacheth the hen, fit generally leaps to her with its tail spread, which is the reason of its being called Uplooper.

'up'lying, ppl. a.' [UP- 6 b.] Situated or lying on elevated ground; upland.

1877 SCRIBNER'S *Mag.* Aug. 479/2 The favourite haunt of the wild strawberry is an up-lying meadow. 1884 *Nature* 25 Sept. 520/1 In up-lying situations... fluxion-structures are seldom detected.

'upmaist, Sc. var. UPMOST a.'

'up'make, v. Sc. [UP- 4 + MAKE v.¹ Cf. older Flem. *opmaecken*, Du. *opmaken* to use up, put

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up, etc., L.G. *upmaken*, G. *aufmachen* to put up, etc.]

1. trans. To make up for (a defect or lack); to supply or fill up where there is a deficiency.

1485 *Sc. Acts Parl.*, Jas. III. (1814) II. 172/1 be werk to be brokin, the werkman to vpmake be availe to be finace foresaid. 1546 *Extr. Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 114 To cloise the town, and bred the portis of the same, and oupmak all wydis and waistis.

2. To construct, build.

1507 *Extr. Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 77 [He] sale... big. oupmak, and compleat the xxxij stallis in thar queir.

'up'making, vbl. sb. [UP- 7.]

1. Sc. The action of making up, in various senses.

1513 *Extr. Aberd. Reg.* (1844) I. 84 The biggin and vpmakin of thair blockhouse for thair artillerie. 1682 R. FLEMING *Fulfilling Script.* (ed. 3) 64 When they... compared their gain with their losse, their upmaking with these dayes of trial. *Ibid.* 71 They hav therin found a very sensible upmaking. 1856 *Morton's Cycl. Agric.* II. 620/1 The average cost... did not exceed 15s. per acre... with all necessary upmaking. 1897 MRS. OLIPHANT *W. Blackwood* II. xxii. 400 A sheet was often left for him in the 'upmaking till the last possible moment.

2. *Shipbuilding*. (See quot. 1846.)

1846 A. YOUNG *Naut. Dict.* 357 *Upmaking*,... pieces of plank or timber piled on each other as a filling up; more especially those placed between the bilge-coads and the ship's bottom, preparatory to launching. 1883 *Scotsman* i. July 5/2 The upmaking never showed any signs of giving way until the vessel was well clear of the standing ways.

'up'making, ppl. a. Sc. [UP- 6 b.]

1. That makes up for a defect or lack.

1682 R. HAMILTON in M. Sheldr. *Faithful Contendings* (1780) 40, I have found my Lord... by the same up making, and more than up making portion. 1726 WODROW *Corr.* (1843) II. 269 May be, by his Spirit, be assisting, comforting, and upmaking to you! 1729 E. ERSKINE *Serm.* (1791) 330/ Rest in him, and upon him, as our upmaking and everlasting all. [1852 *Chr. Treasury* 405/2 God... is an upmaking portion;... he can supply the place of all things.]

2. Seeking acquaintance or intimacy.

1863 MRS. CARLYLE *Lett.* (1882) III. 166 They were very 'up-making' to me, and pressed me to visit them.

Upmann ('apmān). The proprietary name of a make of (Havana) cigar.

1878 *Trade Marks Jnl.* 16 Jan. 59 H. Upmann... Henry Upmann and William Rocholl, trading as H. Upmann and Co., Havana, Cuba; cigar manufacturers. Manufactured tobacco, cigars. 1912 *Official Gaz.* (U.S. Patent Office) 15 Oct. 770/1 H. Upmann & Co., Havana, Cuba... Cigars. 1669 N. FREELING *Tsing-Boun* xx. 148 He... had a cigar going, an Upmann that could have been made of tightly-rolled hundred-franc notes. 1799 A. SCHOLEFIELD *Point of Honour* 142 He was dispensing Upmanns from a humidor.

'upmanship, colloq. = one-upmanship s.v. ONE *numerical a.* pron., etc. 30c.

1962 *Spectator* 23 Nov. 837/2 (Advt.), Upmanship is the art of being one up on all the others. 1967 *Ibid.* 25 Aug. 21/2 He obviously thought I was trying upmanship on him before that word had been invented. 1970 *Casper* (Wyoming) *Star-Tribune* 29 June 19/1 (caption) Hospital upmanship: My Doc' is better'n yours! 1984 *Brit. Med. Jnl.* 6 Sept. 666/1 In a moment of inspired upmanship this young moonlighting casualty officer had quietly dropped the word that he was a famous specialist in exotic diseases.

'up-market, a. and adv. Also (esp. adv.)

up-market, [UP prep.] A. adj.

1. Of merchandise, etc.: characteristic of or designed for the more expensive end of the market; superior, expensive, 'quality'.

1972 *Times* 28 June 14/4 Glass has still, apparently, a more up-market image than plastic. 1974 *Daily Tel.* 17 Sept. 6 An 'up-market' £1,950 version of the Austin Allegro, finished by the Vanden Plas coachbuilders. 1976 *Daily Mail* (Hull) 30 Sept. 18/3 Sarila Kitchens are the ultimate in luxury and design. Naturally, they are also up-market in price. 1980 *National Times* (Austral.) 24 Aug. 4/3 Franchised lines, apart from the usual T-shirts, badges, posters and dolls run up to a range of \$200 couturier ensembles and an up-market line of cosmetics.

2. transf. and fig.

1976 *Listener* 6 May 584/1, I cannot allow other people to have all the most up-market remarks. 1979 *Early Music* Jan. Suppl. 1/3 Trust House Forte's up-market evenings... are presenting several early music groups in 1979. 1981 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 30 Jan. 11/5 Linguistic shamanism is respected, for there have been some distinguished practitioners. Sir Ernest Gowers was an up-market shaman. So was H. W. Fowler.

B. adv. Towards the more expensive end of the market. Also *transf.* and *fig.*

1975 *Daily Tel.* 12 Apr. 12/4 Lyons-Tetley go up-market a bit with their Red Label and Orange Label [tea]. 1978 *South China Morning Post* 24 Nov. 14/7 Protectionism will increase in European Common Market countries so that Hongkong will have to diversify up-market. 1980 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 24 Oct. 1206/2 Even the secessionist New English Art Club moved up-market to become a nursery for the Academy, with its paintings of... the pleasing and the picturesque. 1983 *Daily Tel.* 14 Mar. 11/8 Slightly upmarket of the rest of the channel's evening fare, *Omnibus* (BBC-1) has settled for an Everyman figure... as presenter. 1984 W. GOLDING *Paper Men* xi. 125 To contemplate the nature of predestinate insects or, moving up-market, Lobsters and crabs.

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1972 *Times* 25 Aug. 7 Mathew Clark wants to upmarket Noilly Dry French, plugging heavily the drink's provenance compared with that of Italian Martini and Cinzano. 1975 *Listener* 4 Dec. 735/3 Leyland... decided the group's future lay in... improving its cars and charging more for them... It would take a lot of up-marketing to keep it [sic. Leyland] at even half its present size. 1977 *Daily Mirror* 21 Mar. 12/2 The British Sausage Bureau, in short, is trying to up-market its succulent product. 1980 *Times Lit. Suppl.* 19 Sept. 1030/4 In 1819 Harris, now joined by his son, sensed the way trade was going and boldly up-marketed his nursery books still further.

up'met, pa. pple. (UP- 5 + met METE v. Cf. UPHEALED pa. pple.)

1828 CARR *Craven Gloss.*, *Up-met*, lifted above the measure... Hence, the expression 'up-met and down throstens,' excellent measure... Also, 'he's a rogue, up-met and down throstens'; i.e. a complete villain.

'upmost, a. Also Sc. 6 vpmost, 6-9 upmaist. [f. UP adv.² + -MOST.]

1. = UPPERMOST a. (in various senses).

1560 BIBLE (Genev.) *Isaiah* xvii. 6 Two or thre berries are in the top of the vpmost boughs. 1567 DHANT *Horace*, Ep. To Rdr. "iv, He that would come to the vpmost top of an high hill. 1590 T. [M.] *ouser* *Silkworms* 62 That which lies vpmost is least renowne. 1632 LITHGOW *Trav.* ix. 391 Sulphure streames, which haue burst forth from the vpmost top of *Etene*. *Ibid.* 418 Podalia, the vpmost Countrey of Poland. 1664 EVELYN *Kal. Hort.* 75 Taking away some of the upmost exhausted earth, and stirring up the rest. 1715 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* (1721) II. 16 The middle of the upmost Wall ought to be perpendicular with the middle of the nethermost. 1808 SCOTT *Lett. to Sharpe* 30 Dec. in Lockhart, You have... been upmost in my thoughts for some time past. 1859 GULLICK *Verg. & Timbs Paint.* 163 The upmost flat surface is divided into nine compartments. 1875 LIGHTFOOT *Comm.* Col. 411/1 What was the thought upmost in the Apostle's mind??

b. *absol.* or as sb.

1589 FLEMING *Verg. Georg.* III. 43 Let him skarse set his feet vpon th' upmost [note The superific or uppermost part of the sand].

2. Sc. = UMEST a. i. Obs.

1592 *Lyndsay's Wks.* 134-5 The Vicar... will noch fail to tal an kow, And vpmaist claih. 1609 SKENE *Reg. Maj. Stat. Will.* ii. The forestall sal take... his vpmaist claih. 1620 HENRY'S *Wallace* x. i. 229 Wallace in haste gart take their upmost weed.

up'mount, v. (UP- 4.)

a 1560 PHÆR *Eneid* ix. (1562) Ecivb, A clamorous noise vpmounts on fortres tops.

up'mounted, pa. pple. (UP- 5.)

1616 J. LANE *Contiu. Sigr.* T. VII. 487 Vpmounted are the grete Artillerie, on owe huge iron-carriages. 1818 KEATS *Hyperion* Endym. 1. 642, I fel upmounted in that region Where falling stars dart their artillery forth.

up'mounting, pres. pple. (UP- 6.)

1794 WOLCOT (P. Pindar) *Wks.* III. 221 The Moon... upmounting slow, In solemn stillness. 1820 KEATS *Hyperion* 1. 157 Like the mist Which eagles cleave, upmounting from their nest.

'upness. [UP adv.²] The quality of being elevated or raised.

1887 W. JAMES in *Mind* No. 45. 14 Rightness and leftness, upness and downness, are... pure sensation. 1902 YORK. Post 28 Feb., With the... idea of height or up-ness in our minds.

↑up'nim, v. Obs. [UP- 4. Cf. OFris. opnima, opnema (WFr. opnimme), (M)Du. opnemen, MLG. upnen (L.G. upnämen), MHG. üfnemen (G. aufnehmen).] trans. To take up.

c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 3024 It so bi-cam, fat moyses asches upnam. c 1290 Hali *Maid.* 37 And eauer habben sar care... & bringe his armes saint brendan pis holie man op nam. c 1320 Cast. Louz 1488 He pat from heuenie com, From louh an heiž he vs-nam. 1340 Ayenb. 143 Hi deþ aspē ye ilke mayde strongliche opnomen of loue.

Hence ↑up'nimling vbl. sb. Obs.

1340 Ayenb. 22 he briddie kuedad... ys folc opnimminge of striaif. *Ibid.* 83 Folc op-nymunge is huer lite profit lip, and moche cost.

upo' (ə'pū), prep. Forms: 3, 5, 9 *dial.* uppo, 3, 8 *Sc. Sc.* (3-4 up-4 o', 5 vp); 8-*Sc.* and *dial.* upo' (9 *Sc. apo'*). [f. UP ADV.² + O', prep.¹] Cf. UPON PREP.] = UPON PREP., in various senses. (In later use *Sc.* and *north dial.*)

c 1200 ORMIN 11595 be deofel brokhte Jesu Crist Wipputenn o' pe temprise Upponn an sete uppo be ref. c 1230 Hali *Maid.* 37 And eauer habben sar care... & bringe on his moder sorhe up-o-sorhe. c 1300 Havelok 256 Helpes me and yu-self beope. And sloz up-o-be dogges swipe. c 1310 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 2761 Faste yefull opo pem alle. c 1400 Dest. Troy 7037 The renke vp rose... And foight vpo fote as a freke noble. 1610 B. JONSON *Alchemist* II. ii. Thatch will lie light up' the rafters, Lunga. 1721 RAMSAY *Ode to the Ph—* vi. If they command the storme to blow, Then upo' sight the hailstones thud. 1772 PERCUSSION *To R. Ferguson* xii, [To] has a charot at the door To wait up'o me. 1773 GOLDSMITH *Stoops to Cong.* I. ii. Landlord, They have lost their way up'o the forest. 1808 A. SCOTT *Poems* (ed. 2) 101 Lobster and crabs.

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upon' (ə'pon), prep. Forms: a. 3- upon (4-5, 7 up on, 6 Sc. uppon), 4-7 vpon (3-5 vp on, 4, 5 Sc. vpone, Sc. 5-6 wpon, 6-7 wpon), 3-7 uppon, 8 uppon (3 Orm. uppon, 4 upp on). β. 3-6 opon (4

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oupon, opan), 4-5 oppon. y. 3-6, 9 Sc. apon (4 apan), 5 Sc., 6 apone, 5-6 Sc. apoun, 5-7 Sc. appon(e), appon(e). 6 poun, 8-9 'pon. See also UPO'. [Early ME. upon, uppon, etc., f. UP *adv.*¹ and *adv.*² + ON *prep.*; distinct from late OE. and early ME. *upon*, var. of OE. *uppan* UP *prep.*]

The compound may have partly arisen from uses of *upp* or *uppe* in OE. (for instances see UP *adv.*¹ and *adv.*²), but the date at which it appears, and the locality of the texts in which it is first prominent, suggest that it was mainly due to the influence of ON. *upp* (MSw. *up*, *op*, *upa*, *oppa*, etc.; Sw. *på*, Norw. and Da. *paa*), with which it agrees in laying the stress on the preposition and weakening or altogether ignoring the force of *up*. In the mod. Scand. tongues, except Icelandic and Færöese, the reduced form *på*, *paa*, corresponding to Eng. (colloq. or dial.) 'pon', 'po', has displaced the simple prep. *ð*, *aa* = on.]

Originally denoting elevation as well as contact, the compound has from the earliest period of its occurrence so far lost the former implication, that is, it has been regularly employed as a simple equivalent of *on*, in all the varieties of meaning which that preposition has developed. The use of the one form or the other has been for the most part a matter of individual choice (on grounds of rhythm, emphasis, etc.) or of simple accident, although in certain contexts and phrases there may be a general tendency to prefer the one to the other. For ease of comparison, the following arrangement of the senses corresponds as closely as possible with that of ON. (See also HERE-, THERE-, WHERE-UPON.)

I. Of local position outside of, but in contact with or close to, a surface.

1. Above and in contact with; in an elevated position on; at rest on the upper surface of; on and supported by; = ON *prep.* *1*.

In a few instances in late MSS. (e.g. Hatton Gosp. Matt. v. 14) *up on* can be taken in this sense, but appears to be merely a scribal variant or alteration of *upon* for *uppon* UP *prep.*¹

c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 2867 Dat. . hisc folc. . ben for sare, In se deserit an stede upp-on. His leus sacrifice to don. c 1272 Luue Ron 121 in O.E. Misc. 97 Hit stont vpon a trewe mote. c 1290 St. Brenden 368 in S. Eng. Leg. I. 229 At ester eue heore procuratour bad heom . heore resurrection upp on fisches rugge make. Ibid. 577 be ston pat iach op-on site. 13. E.E. Allit. P. A. 1056 The hyre zope . be hyre godez self hit set vpon. c 1268 CHAUCER Miller's T. 637 Til he can to pe sellle Vpon ye flore. c 1440 Pallad. on Husb. I. 199 Vynys that vpon the hillis stonde. c 1489 CAXTON Sonnes of Aymon xxxi. 486 Reynewyde . was vpon the highe gate of Ardeyn. 1508 DUNBAR Gold. Targe 20 The birdis sang vpon the tender croppis. c 1560 A. SCOTT Poems i. 4 Welcum, oure rubent roiss vpon pe ryce. 1606 SHAKES. Ant. & Cl. IV. xiv. 4 A forked Mountaine, or blew Promotorie With Trees vpon't. a 1648 DICBY Chym. Secr. II. (1682) 215 Take it upon the point of a knife. 1722 BERKELEY Alchyr. iv. 58 The castl upon yonder hill. 1749 FIELDING Tom Jones xiv. ii. She's here, Mrs. Honour is upon the stairs. 1816 J. WILSON City of Plague i. 191 Wilt thou rest, old man, Upon this travellers seat? 1825 J. NICHOLSON Operat. Mechanic 383 A pair of rollers upon the top of the roving-can. 1903 Miss. DE LA PASTURE Cornelius 7 A Crown Derby service was spread forth upon a round table.

b. Said with reference to an expanse, as of land, sea, etc.; = ON *prep.* *1b*. (Freq. from c 1650.)

upon a (the) level (with); see LEVEL *sb.* 2, 3.

c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 3273 And moyses stod upp-on se sond. c 1300 Hawelok 735 per sat is ship upp-on pe sond. 1340-70 Alex. & Dind. 39 Neuere wererde we wib wiþt upp-on erode. Ibid. 739 Of swiche bestes . þei han miht vp-on molde. 1362 LANGL. P. Pl. A. ix. 56 Vnder a Lynde, vpon a launde leonede I a stounde. 1390 GOWER Conf. I. 53 He syt upon the grene gras The faire freisse floures springe. c 1420 Chron. Vlold. 2393 his blussed virgyn . Twofolwe . in hurre tombe lay. As safte, as hole as he vpon vtre 3ede. c 1470 Gol. & Gav. 312 Tha plantit doun aylainyeoun, vponne a plane leue. 1526 TINDALE Mark vi. 48 When they sawe him walkeinge apon the see. 1535 FISHER Wks. (1576) 305 He must tredne vpon the fallowes. 1568 Durham Wills (Surtees) III. 44. Come . in the barne 581. Upon the earth at 20l. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) Ezek. xvi. 5 Thou was thrown forth upon the face of the earth. 1650 HOWELL Giraffi's Rev. Naples I. 15 Benches, Forme, . were burnt all to ashes upon the streets. 1661 J. DAVIES tr. Olearius' Voy. Ambas. 203 Wood and Lodging . are very scarce upon that Road. 2711 ADDISON Spect. No. 42 13 Two or three Shifters of Scenes . make up a complete Body of Guards upon the English Stage. 1812 BYRON Ch. Har. I. xiii. 75 Now I'm in the world alone, Upon the wide, wide sea. 1828 LYTTON Pelham III. xix. I have no time . to speak of the earlier part of my life. I passed it upon the race-course. 1871 HEWELS Music & Morals (1874) 7 The Painter's art lies upon the surface of the world.

c. Denoting the part of the body on which one is supported; = ON *prep.* *1c*.

See also FOOT *sb.* 27, KNEE *sb.* 3a, TIPTOE *sb.* 1.

c 1300 GOWER Conf. I. 286 Sche began merci to criie Upon hire bare knes. c 1440 Genetries 44 Vppe vpon his fefe he was a non. 1481 CAXTON Reynard (Arb.) 18 He satte vpon his hammes. 1601 SHAKES. Jul. C. II. i. 270 Vpon my knees, I charme you, . By all your vowed of Loue. 1661 EARL ORRERY St. Lett. (1742) 40 We are now upon our last legs. 1693 Tr. Cest D'Aunoy's Trav. 157 Three or four Pages . serve me upon Knee. 1712 STEELLS Spect. No. 460. P7 Gallantry strutting upon his Tiptoes. 1784 COWPER Task IV. 546 Her tott'ring form ill prop'd upon French heels. 1800 WORDSW. Hart-Leap Well. xi. Upon his side the Hart was lying stretched. 1843 MACAULAY Horatius lxvi. Horatius in his harness, Halting upon one knee.

d. Indicating a means of locomotion or conveyance; = ON *prep.* *1d*.

a 1300 Cursor M. 894 For pou salid apoun pi brest. c 1300 Hawelok 204. Yf he mouhte . gangen wel up-on his feet. 13 . E.E. Allit. P. B. 88 Swyeres pat swiftly swyed on blonkez . & also felde vpon forte. 1393 LANGL. P. Pl. C. viii. 43 Strengest vp-on stede, and stywest vnder gurdell. c 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) i. 4 It es made sittand upon a hors. c 1475 ROLF COULEY 794 Vpon one rude Runsy he ruscht out of town. 1550 SPENSER F.Q. I. i. 4 She . haueie sat vpon her palfrey slow. 1648 HENKHAM II. Ein Rijdt-hane. 1660 F. BROOKE tr. Le Blanc's Trav. 350 The great King, whom they carry upon a Sindela of cotton. 1719 DE FOE CRUSOE II. (Globe) 345 We went on Shore upon the Tide of Flood, near high Water. 1803 SOUTHEY Queen Orrace IV. vii. Upon her palfrey she is set, And forward then they go. 1821 SCOTT Pirate xxx. She saw fine forth of the window . upon a dragon. 1851 GRIMMEL Exp. xxxii. 1856 282, I mounted the upheaving ice, and rode upon the fragments.

e. Denoting that on which the hand is placed in taking the oath, or the basis of an oath, etc.; = ON *prep.* *1f*.

See also CONSCIENCE 9, EVANGEL¹ 3, EVANGELY 3, FAITH 8, HONOUR sb. 9, LIFE sb. 3c, REP¹ SOUL sb. 10c, WORD sb. c 1290 Becket 585 in S. Eng. Leg. I. 123 bat he ne scholde nouȝt swerie upp-on be pok. c 1330 R. BRUNNE Chron. Ware (Rolls) 10468 He swor hym vpon be pok. To holde of hym his heritage. c 1398 TREVISA Barth. De P.R. xv. cxxxvi. (Bodl. MS.), Hoote welles pat . blindeþ þeuſes ȝif he swere upp on þe water and toucheþ heore yȝen perewiþ. c 1400 Desir. Troy 642 You swifly shall swerte vpon swete goddes, This couenant to kepe. c 1460 in HIST. Coll. Lond. Ctr. (Camden) 119 The for sayde captyayns have sworne apon hyt honoure that . they shalle not makyn [etc.]. 1493 Litt. Red Bk. Bristol (1600) II. 134 This yf trew apon owe consciens. 1662 STILLINGFL. Orig. Sacre II. iii. 14 That what is spoken hath the impress of Divine authority upon it. Ibid. v. 52 They have a clear and distinct perception of God upon their own minds. 1719 DE FOE CRUSOE II. (Globe) 498 The Horror which was upon our Minds. 1753-4 RICHARDSON Grandison I. xii. 66 Every one's eyes were upon me. 1806 J. BERESFORD Mysteris Hum. Life (ed. 4) vii. 97 Here am I . with a sort of traveller's lumbago upon me. 1832 L. HUNT Gentle Armour. I. 142 The page returns with due upon his eyes. 1848 BAILEY Festus (ed. 3) 230 There was a tale upon thy tongue he interrupted. 1877 SPURGEON Serm. XXIII. 669 It is absurd upon its very face.

b. Used of immaterial relationships, or in figurative expressions.

to (be)get. apon (a woman); see BEGET *v.* 2b, GET *v.* 26.

c 1400 MINOR POEMS fr. VERNON MS. XII. 8 His eye is cuere pe vpon. 1423 LAS. I. KING'S Q. ii. I. toke a boke to rede upon a quible. c 1450 MIRK'S FESTIVAL I. 6 Vnkle old man, goo heven for I am apon be mony merayles. 1548-9 (MAR.) BK. COM. PRAYER PREF. All thynges must be read vpon the boke. 1591 SHAKS. TWO GENT. I. 1. 20 Vpon some booke I loue I'le pray for thee. 1662 STILLINGFL. ORIG. SACRE II. III. 14 That what is spoken hath the impress of Divine authority upon it. Ibid. v. 52 They have a clear and distinct perception of God upon their own minds. 1719 DE FOE CRUSOE II. (Globe) 498 The Horror which was upon our Minds. 1753-4

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c. By means of; with. Now dial.

c 1440 YORK MYST. IX. 212 Be knyght vpon his knyffie Hath slayne my sonne. 1590 SHAKS. MIDS. N. II. 1. 224 To die vpon the hand I loue so well. 1742 PHIL. TRANS. XLII. 266 THE PERFECTION OF SMELLING IN THE INHABITANTS OF THE ANTIQUES, WHO CAN RUN A MAN UPON THE NOSE AS A HOUND. 1751 LABELYE WESTM. BRIDGE 71 EXPLAINING BEFORE THEM, UPON A WORKING MODEL, THE METHOD I PROPOSED. 1790 BOSWELL LETT. (1924) 388, I INTENDED TO HAVE PRINTED IT UPON WHAT IS CALLED AN ENGLISH LETTER. 1865 R. HUNT POP. ROM. WEST ENG. I. 105 WHICH EYE CAN YOU SEE UPON?

d. Used in reference to an axis, pivot, or base; = ON *prep.* *1e*. (Cf. RAISE *v.* 8b, TURN *v.* 3.)

c 1570 BILLINGSLEY EUCLID I. i. 8 A triangle . set or described upon a line. 1593 FALE DIALLING 14 UPON E MAKE A HALFE CIRCLE FROM H BY G. 1679 MOXON MATH. DICTIONARY. THE CIRCLE . DESCRIBED UPON THE CENTRE A. 1728 CHAMBERS CYCLOP. SV. TRIANGLE, A TRIANGLE IS EQUAL TO A PARALLELOGRAM UPON THE SAME BASE, BUT HALF THE ALTITUDE. 1796 INST. & REG. CAVALRY (1813) 149 EACH DESCRIBING THE PORTION OF A CIRCLE UPON (P) AS A CENTER. 1830 TENNYSON MARIANAE VI. THE DOORS UPON THEIR HINGES CREAK'D. 1832 PROP. REG. INST. CAVALRY III. 47 TWO CONTIGUOUS POINTS GIVEN AS A BASE, UPON WHICH A BODY OF TRUCKS TO MARCH OR FORM. 1877 HUXLEY ARAT. INV. ANN. VI. 309 THE NEXT FOUR SOMITES . CEASE TO BE MOVEABLE UPON UPON ONE ANOTHER.

3. a. On the bank of (a river or lake); on the shore (of the sea); on the borders of (a territory, etc.); close by, near to; bordering upon; beside or by; = ON *prep.* *3*.

x3.. K. ALIUS 1400 (LAUD MS.). A Castel he had vpon þe ryue. 1387 TREVISA HIDGEN V. 329 HE FAUST . ASSENTE PE SAXONS . UPON PE RYER GLENY. c 1425 ENG. COUN. IREL. 142 THE TOUNES VP-ON THE SEE. 1474 RENTAL BK. CUPAR-ANGUS (1879) I. 197 TO MAKE A MYL OTHER VPUON THE GREAT WATER OR VPUON THE BURN. 1526 REG. PRIORY SEAL SCOT. I. 31/4/1 THEFIS AND TRAUTROS DUELLAND VPUON LEVIN. 1585 T. WASHINGTON RICHOLAS' VOY. I. VIII. 7B. ALGER . SITUATED UPON THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. 1601 R. JOHNSON KINGD. & COMM. 192 SIRES SITUATED UPON THE RIVER BINDIMIRE. 1662 STILLINGFL. ORIG. SACRE III. IV. 513 THE GREATEST PART OF THE COUNTRIES LYING UPON THE OCEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN. 1720 DE FOE CAPT. SINGLETON XIII. (1840) 226 A TRACT OF LAND . SEATED UPON SOME NAVIGABLE RIVER. 1747 COL. REC. PENNSYL. V. 87 UPON THE HEADS OF JONIADY RIVER. 1859 TENNYSON MARRIAGE OF GERAIT 145 ARTHUR . HELD COURT AT OLD CAERLEON UPON USK.

t.b. About; near; close on (a specified number, etc.). Obs.

In later use only with CLOSE *adv.* 1d, NEAR *adv.* 5c, NIGH *adv.* 12c.

c 1451 CAPGRAVE LIFE ST. GILBERT 68 HE LEFT AT HIS DEATH SWEECH PERSONES DEDICATE TO GOD UPON TOO POUASAND TOO HUNDRED. 1477 CAXTON JASON 74 HE CESSED NOT TO . ROWE TIL HE CAM NYTHE THE ILE VPUON A BOWE SHOTTE. 1478 J. PASTON IN P. LETT. III. 219 A STEPE MODYR OF HYS, WHICH YE IS UPON I. YER OF AGE. 1482 CELY PAPERS (CAMDEN) 102 THER WYLBE IN AULL WITH BLOTTES VPUON XXVII OR XXVIII SAMPERS WHOLL. 1534 TINDALE LUKE VIII. 42 HE HAD A DAUGHTER ONLY, SPON A TWELVE YERE OF AGE. 1548 HALL CHRON. HEN. VIII. 32B HE HAD ASKED A NUMBER OF HORSEMEN . VPUON THE POYNCT OF SIX THOUSAND. 1600 HOLLAND LIVY 177 THERE WERE UPON TWO THOUSAND & FIVE HUNDRED TAKEN ALIVE. 1660 NICHOLAS PAPERS (CAMDEN) IV. 226 TO PAY MEE MY ALLOWANCE . AS IT WAS REGULATED UPON THREE YEARS SINCE.

4. Denoting collateral position; esp. with side, hand, þalf; beam (of a ship), point (of the compass); north, south, etc.; right, left; = ON *prep.* 4.

See also BORDER *v.* 5, TOUCH *v.* 14, VERGE *v.* 2b.

(a) c 1330 R. BRUNNE CHRON. WACE (ROLLS) 7929 SOUTHSE .. & MIDDLESEX . MARCHEN VPUON KENT. c 1400 MAUNDEV. (ROXB.) VI. 22 MESOPOTAMY ALSO MARCHEN VPUON PE DESERTS OF ARABY. 1568 GRAFTON CHRON. II. 354 FOR WE [SCOTS] ARE SO LODGED UPON ENGLAND, THAT WE MAY . ENTER WHICH WAY WE LIUST. 1586 [SEE NEIGHBOUR *v.* 1, 2], 1596 DALRYMPLE TR. LESLIE'S HIST. SCOT. (S.T.S.) I. 31 WPON THE COSTE OF THE LENOX IYES ARGYLE. 1624 HEYWOOD GUNNIS. 92 THAT PART . WHICH BUTTED UPON THE WEST. 1681 DRYDEN SPAN. FRIAR I. I. UPON THE SKITS OF ARRAGON OUR SQUANDERED TRoops HEOLD. 1786 W. THOMSON WATSON'S PHILIP III. (1839) 311 AN ISLAND BORDERING UPON ISTRIA. 1842 R. I. WILBERFORCE RUTILUS & LUCIUS 106 BEHIND THEM ABUTTED UPON THE GROUNDS OF MILO. 1873 T. W. HIGGINSON OLDPORT DAYS V. 115 THE HOUSE WAS CLOSE UPON THE WATER.

(b) 13.. GAW. & GR. KNT. 2069 PE BRODE 3ATEZ [WERE] VNBARRED, & BORN OPEN, VPUON BOPE HAULE. 1375 BARBOUR

UPON

Bruce xi. 175 Schir Gylys de Argente he set Vpon ane half, his rense to get. \therefore 1400 Morte Arth. We are with Sarazens be-sett appone sere halff! c1475 Rauf Collyear 291 I se the Firmament fair vpon ather syde. 1565 GOLDING Ouid's Met. i. 1b, Two Zones do cut the Heauen vpon the right syde. 1577 B. GOODE Heresbach's Husb. II. (1586) 71b. A rich gronde, leuell, and lyng vpon the Sunne. 1644 in Eng. Hist. Rev. Apr. (1913) 341 My Lord Ambassador beinge plac'd.. upon his left hand about three Seates distante from him. 1664 STURMY Mariner's Mag. i. ii. 4 Upon what Point of the Compass the Object bareth from you. 1739 LABELYE Pier Westm. Bridge 5 When the Wind is upon any Point of the Compass between the South and the West. 1791 SLEATON Edystone L. §76 A vessel steering to Foy will have the wind upon her beam. 1823 F. CLISSOLD Ascent Mt. Blanc 11 [it] shelved down, upon our right, in one place of smooth rock.

transf. 1656 CROMWELL Sp. in Burton Diary (1828) I. p. cxix. It was never so upon the thriving hand. 1718 WORROW CORR. (1843) II. 362 May the kingdom of our Lord be upon the growing hand. 1852 BAILEY Fetus (ed. 5) 252 To you, dear sirs, upon the sire's side, To you, sir sted, I'm on the dam's allied.

b. transf. Indicating the side, part, cause, etc., espoused or supported by the agent.

c1430 Chev. Assigne 219 'Go we forth, fader,' quod pe childe, 'vpon goddes halff' 1445 in Anglia XXVIII. 256 [They] seyan the duke of yorke hath god vpon his side. 1595 SHAKS. John i. 34 Till she had kindled France and all the world, Vpon the right and party of her sonne. 1611 B. JONSON Catiline v. M.2 The least man, that falleth vpon our party this day... Shall walke at pleasure, in the tents of rest. 1821 SHELLEY Hellas 440 Famine, and Pestilence, And Panic, shall wage war upon our side!

c. Engaged in assaulting, or about to attack.

1568 GRAFTON Chron. II. 291 The French men were so mingled among their enemies, that some time there was five men vpon one Gentleman. c1670 Wood Life (O.H.S.) I. 114 Captain Walter had six rebels upon him, and.. fought it out so.. gallantly that [etc.]. 1702 W. WOTTON Hist. Rome 269 The Senate heard that Scerurus was just upon them. 1719 DE FOE Crusoë I. (Globe) 270 He saw five Men upon him. 1721 MEM. CAVALIER (1840) 217 We are all endone, the roundheads are upon us. 1800 All Year Round No. 66. Certain manœuvres, which had just time to result.., when the squall was upon us. 1885 MANCH. EXAM. 10 June 4/7 The crisis.. is upon us at last.

d. Having a tendency to be; verging towards; bordering on. Freq. with little. Obs.

Cf. to run upon s.v. RUN v. 70b.

1707 LD. RAY in HEARNE COLLECT. (O.H.S.) II. 43 He is.. a little upon yr dity as all yr Poles are. 1716 in LONDON GAZ. NO. 543/4 Lost... a large Brilliant... a little upon the Blue. 1728 SWIFT Pol. Conversat. 180, I think he's a little upon the silly, or so. 1740 tr. DE MOUHY'S FORT. COUNTRY MAID (1741) I. 35 A Countenance much upon the Wheedler and the Devotee.

5. Within the bounds or limits of; in; = ON prep. 5. (Cf. UPO' prep., quot. 1773.)

13. Sir BEUES (A) 4180 [He] karf.. Doun rist be viser wiþ is swerd And halfe þe vpon is berd. 1605 SHAKS. Lear IV. vi. 256 Seeke him vpon the English party. 1639 LAUD Wks. (1833) V. 364, I find by the bishop's certificat, that he hath constantly resided upon his episcopal houses. 1765 MUSEUM RUST. IV. 449 His country seat, possessed and lived upon by his ancestors for several generations. 1824 SCOTT St. ROMAN'S xxii, Miss Clara.. just sitting upon the wind of a door [= in a draught].

†b. Denoting ratio between two numbers, etc.; = PER prep. III. 2, IN prep. 4. Obs. rare.

1622 MALYNES ANC. LAW-TERM. 195 In regarde of leagec of tennie or fifteeen vpon the hundredth. 1739 LABELYE Pier Westm. Bridge 76 The Ascent.. not being above one Foot perpendicular upon 20 Feet slope. Ibid. 78.

6. Denoting the day of an occurrence, regarded as a unit of time. Freq. also with night, morn, morrow, eve(n, time, tide, hour, occasion, etc. = ON prep. 6.

once upon a time: see ONCE adv. 4.

a1300 CURSOR R. 19810 Apon a daie at te pid o non An angel com. 1338 R. BRUNNE CHRON. (1810) 37 Unto Kyngeston.. Com. S. Dunstan, opone a Sondaye. 1390 GOWER Conf. I. Com. S. Dunstan, opone a Sondaye. 1390 GOWER Conf. I. 3 Now upon this tyde Men se the world.. so diversed, That [etc.]. \therefore 1400 ARTHUR 539 And sone after vpon an ovr He hurde of Mordred. 1424 STONOR PAPERS (CAMDEN) I. 36 Written at Sarum apon be seynt Michell even. a1470 Ibid. 111 My wif and y welbe with you upon Ester. 1535 COVERDALE Job I. 6 Now vpon a tyme.. the seruauntes of God came and stode before the Lorde. 1551 ROBINSON TR. MORE'S UTOPIA (1805) 15 Vpon a tyme, when tidynge came [etc.]. 1631 WEEVER ANC. FUNERAL MON. 471 Once everye yearne vpon the same day of his Anniversarie. 1663 EXT. ST. PETERS FRIENDS SER. II. (1911) 183 [They] were all brought before the mayor vpon the 26th of December. 1672 T. GODDEN CATH. NO IDOLATORS 35 Would an Impartial Reader (to see Dr. Taylor's expression upon another occasion) say [etc.]? 1711 ADDISON SPECT. NO. 164 ¶4 Upon the Day on which.. their Marriage was to have been solemnized. 1771 MRS. GRIFFITHS HIST. LADY BARTON III. 285 I wrote upon the instant, but.. cannot recollect what I said. a1821 KEATS EVE ST. MARK I Upon a Sabbath-day it fell. 1868 LYNNUTON LUcretius 24 He.. woke upon a morn That mock'd him.

†b. In, at, or during (any period of time); in the course of; = ON prep. 6. Obs.

(a) 1390 GOWER Conf. I. 314 [He] made upon the derke nyght.. Gret fyr. c1400 DEST. TROY 868. Wyth myche dole vpon daves & on derke nightes. Sum walt into wodeness. 1427-9 ROLLS OF PARL. IV. 364 To make a Toure to be uppoun day light a redy Bekyn. 1529 in LEADAM STAR CHAMB. CASES (Selden) II. 34 Thomas.. directed.. the hole recordys.. vpon a yere past or more to vs.. to examen the same. 1585 T. WASHINGTON TR. NICHOLAY'S VOY. I. xix, Vpon the evenynge the fire.. got into their pouder. 1603 SHAKS. MEAS. FOR M. IV. 35 Vpon the Heauen middle of the night. 1662 ACT 13 CHAS. II. c. 9 327 No man in or belonging to the Fleet shall sleep upon his Watch. 1673 in PICTON L'POOL MUSIC. REC. (1883) I. 247 Offences committed by them the same day upon the said

election. [1820 KEATS ST. AGNES VI. UPON THE HONEY'D MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.]

(b) 1591 UNTON CORR. (ROXB.) 103 UPON NOWE ADVERTISEMENT is come from the KINGE. 1628 LD. DICAY LETT. CONC. RELIG. (1651) 19 To tell you what upon the present occurreth to me.

†c. Within the space of (a specified period of time); = ON prep. 6c. Obs.

c1375 CURSOR M. 510 (FAIR). Be iournays qua ga hit may, fourty myle a-pon a day. c1386 CHAUCER PROL. 704 VP on a day he gat hym moore money Than pat the person gat in Monthes tweye. 1457-8 in ACTA DOM. CONC. II. INTROD. 15 He sall warne thame to pass to the kings chapell.. apon xl dais. 1459 ROLLS OF PARL. V. 369/2 A commandement.. to be ready to come.. upon a day warnynge. \therefore 1585 MONTGOMERIE MIS. POEMS VII. 35 Rome wes not biggit all vpon a day. 1674 REG. PRIVY COUNCIL SCOT. SER. III. IV. 299 [The lords] ordaines letters of horning upon 48 hours to be direct for that effect.

d. At the point of; close on, touching on; = ON prep. 6d.

Usu. with vbl. sb. or gerundive: see group (a). upon the point of: see POINT sb. D. 5.

(a) 1426 AUDELIA POEMS 6 Have mynd apon 30ure endyng of the payns of helle. 1491 ACTA DOM. CONC. (1839) 15/1, I am apon my saling and may noch lang tary. 1530 PALSLR. 42/3, I am upon my lieng downe, as a woman that is nere her tyme. 1604 DECKER HORNET WH. XII. WIFE. Comes the Duke this way? Pio. Hee's upon comming, mistris. 1611 COTGR. ENNATI.. faded, vpon withering. 1669-70 MARVELL CORR. WKS. (GROSART) II. 310, I intended moris but the post also is upon going. 1707 HEARNE COLLECT. (O.H.S.) II. 10 To the King of Prussia is upon sending to the.. Library all the.. medals. a1774 GOLDSM. HIST. GREECE I. 247 The truce.. was just upon expiring. 1842 C. WHITEHEAD R. SAVAGE I. 1, I was just upon commanding them to a lower place.

ellipt. 1899 DAILY NEWS 12 SEPT. 4/7 The new.. recreation garden.. is just upon finished.

(b) 1585 T. WASHINGTON TR. NICHOLAY'S VOY. I. xix. 22 As we were vpon our departure. 1626 BRETON FANTASTICKS D 3 b, Few that are merry, but.. wenched that are vpon the marriage. 1632 MASSINGER MAM OF HON. V. i. SIGNOR ADORNIS is return'd now upon entrance. 1666 MARVELL CORR. WKS. (GROSART) II. 197 The Smyrna fleet.. is upon retorne. c1680- [see go sb. 8d]. 1722 POPE LETT. (1735) I. 274 I'm told you are all upon Removal very speedily. 1775 S. J. PRATT LIBERAL OPIN. CXXIII. (1783) IV. 266 Our old rector will make a subject by and by.. he's certainly upon the go [= dying]. 1797 MRS. M. ROBINSON WALSHINGHAM IV. 318 The good fellow is upon the go; his life is not worth six weeks' purchase. 1820 BYRON MAR. PAL. IV. ii. 66 DOGE. How goes the night? BER. F. Almost upon the dawn.

†e. By or for (a specified time). Obs.

1510 BRASENOR COL. DOC. (MS.) A 3 To make me a Dublet and a jacket upon Crystmasse next comyng.

†f. For the extent or period of. Obs.

Cf. upon a stretch a.v. stretch sb. 6a.

a1548 HALL CHRON. Hen. VII. 49b, Which sickenes contynued vpon fyue monethes.

7. a. On the occasion of; = ON prep. 7.

In freq. use c1670-c 1825. Group (b) illustrates obs. usages.

See also OCCASION sb. 1b, SIGHT sb. 4b, 6b, SUDDEN sb. 1b, SUDDENTLY 1b, VIEW sb. 1b.

(a) c1440 CAGRAVE LIFE ST. KATH. I. 981 VP-on this his letter hath she sent. 1492 HEN. VII. in G. GRIFFITHS HIST. TONG. (ED. 2) 224 To thentent that uppon convocation we may shewe unto you our minde. 1545 in LEADAM STAR CHAMBER CASES (SELDEN) II. 79 The saide artificers seyn that by the grauntis made upon their first corporation it appereith that [etc.]. 1566 DRANT HORACE, SAT. I. iii. B. v. His maister hangis hem straighte upponte. 1590 BACON USE COM. LAW (1635) 2 If one kill another upon a suddaine quarrell. 1662 CULPEPER IN EXTR. ST. PETERS FRIENDS SER. I. (1911) 152 note, I have some Quakers.. in prison which I do intend to let goe upon taking the Oath. 1668 FRYER ACC. E. INDIA & P. 74 The Baynays repairing to the Suburb upon Tattoo. 1705 COLLIER ES. MOR. SUBJ. III. PAIN 13 Was ever.. any Fencer, worth the naming, heard to groan upon a Hit? 1712 ADDISON SPECT. NO. 369 P17 They.. were cast into Hell upon their Disobedience. 1774 GOLDEN. NAT. HIST. (1776) II. 309 Upon comparing the various animalis.. with each other, we shall find [etc.]. 1827 MILL. BRIT. INDIA II. 450 They retired upon the brisk advancement of the grenadiers. 1841 LANE ARAB. NS. I. 101 Upon which they raised their heads; and answered all before. 1890 LD. ESHER IN LATE TIMES. REP. LXIII. 734/1 [He] shall be released from that obligation upon the Director undertaking the case.

(b) 1510 REG. PRIVY SEAL SCOT. I. 307/1 The slachter.. committit be him apoun subdante. 1577 HOLINSHILL CHRON. I. 35/1 CESAR.. writhet that immedately vpon knowledge had.. he would inunde Brytaine. 1646 SIR T. BROWNE PSEUD. EP. 269 The silly-how, that sometimes is found about the heads of children upon their birth. 1707 HEARNE COLLECT. (O.H.S.) II. 62 Y^e sneaking Villains, like Worms upon a Rain, crawl'd out. 1726 SWIFT GULLIVER II. 6, Yet often, upon a pinch, I was forced to work like a common mariner. 1736 BUTLER ANAL. I. iv. Persons may be betrayed into wrong behaviour upon surprise. 1763 JOHNSON IN BOSWELL 25 June, He has no temants.. who will follow him to the field upon an emergency.

b. Immediately after; following on.

1390 GOWER CONF. II. 71 Whan that he this tal herde, Hou upon that the king answeerde With Hercules he moste feighe. 1496 COVENTRY LEET BK. 573 And what persons pat be absent pat day vpon warnynge shall pay xijd. 1543 LD. BERNERS FROISS. I. cxlviii. 177 [They] conquered.. townes and castels one vpon the other by force. 1562 J. HEYWOOD PRON. & EPIGR. (1867) 45 So soone vpon supper.. Sleape maketh yll.. digestion. 1596 SHAKS. MERCHANT OF VENICE. V. iv. 384, I am content.. to rende it, Vpon his death vnto the Gentleman. 1614 DAY FESTIVALS IX. (1615) 268 Whether the fault were unawares, or upon aduise. 1645 B. HALL REM. DISCONTENTS 80 After he had upon ten years siege, taken the rich City. 1688 HOLME ARMOURY II. 181 THE BITE OR STING OF A SCORPION is present Death if.. [Swine] drink upon it. 1711 G. HICKES TWO TREAT. CHR. PRIESTH. (ED. 3) II. 30, I have wrote.. not rashly or by chance, but upon thought. 1748 ANSON'S VOY. II. xiii. 276 Immediately upon this

fortunate supply they stood to the westward. 1780 MIRROR NO. 95, I left my owne house immediately upon the discovery I made. 1814 JANE AUSTEN MANS. PARK XI. Coming, as it generally did, upon a week's previous inactivity. 1849 MACAULAY HIST. ENG. V. 1, 539 This plan had been dropped upon the detection of the Rye House Plot. 1883 HOWELLS IN HARPER'S MAG. DEC. 79 The silence which his friend has absent-mindedly let follow upon his last words.

ellipt. 1818 COLEBROOK IMPORT COLONIAL CORN 183 The capital should at first be less productive if.. upon a balance, this become more fruitful.

→ †c. As soon as. Obs. -

1475 PASTON LETT. III. 128, I woll, uppon as I heer from yow, come to yow in alle hast possible.

†d. Denoting physical arrangement, order, etc., = in (masses, a row, etc.). Cf. ON prep. 8. rare.

c1300 Havelok 892 Als he lep þe kok vn-til, He shof hem alle upon hem. c1400 DEST. TROY 1991 The flode.. Rose vpon rockes [= in high masses] as any ranke hylls. c1450 LOVELICH MERLIN 1474 For things that ben past, j know, And thinges that ben comeng vpon a rowe. 1665 J. WEBB STONE-HENG 68 Nor [could] these haue continued upon such a direct line, as still some of them seem to do.

9. In (a particular or specified manner, etc.); = ON prep. 9.

See also CROSS sb. 29, HEAD sb. 1, LOFT sb. 2a, SLY sb. 2 a, SQUARE a. 12 a. b.

c1300 HAVELOK 468 Godard.. tol þe maydnes bothe samen, Al-so it were up-on hiȝ gamen. 1338 R. BRUNNE CHRON. (1810) 25 Bot þe þise lowed men vpon Inglyssh tellis, Right story can me not ken, þe certeynte what spellis. a1400-50 ALEXANDER 3300 Like to his wark, þat þis coppis opon keli-wyse knytt in þe wokes. c1400 DEST. TROY 735 There only was ordant of Ectoris deþe, With all Sotene to serche upon serre wise. c1450 HOLLAND HOOTOL 828 The lordis leuch vpon loft. c1518 SKELTON MAGNYF. 497 Chanona can not counterfet but vpon thre. 1605 SHAKS. A.Y.L. I. 1. 2 It was vpon this fashion bequêteed me by will. 1628 FELTHAM RESOLVES II. lxxxi. 233 Though he doþ forbear to calle for it, yet I beleue, vpon the like, thou owest him. 1641 EARL MONM. TR. BIONDI'S CIVIL WARS III. 146 Charles de Lens.. was slainne upon cold bloud.

†b. upon new = ANEW ADV. 1. Obs. -

1399 GOWER PRAISE OF PEACE 315 Every dai it chaungeth upon newe.

10. a. Occupied with; engaged in; employed on; = ON prep. 10. b.

For further illustration of group (b) see GUARD sb. 5a, PATROL sb. 1, SENTRY sb. 3, WATCH sb. 6b.

(a) 1333 SEYWN SAGES (W.) 190 He was ever upon his bok, And to his lere tok grete kepe. c1386 CHAUCER FRANKL. T. 197 Vp on this daunce, amonges oþre men, Daunced a squier bifrom Dorigen. 1478 ACTA DOM. CONC. (1839) 19/1 þe lordis.. declarit þat wal noch siȝ sit apon na armoundis quhil þe said xij dñe. 1613 in 10th REP. HIST. MSS. COMM. APP. I. 608 The Electour Palatine is now at the Hague upon his voyage into England. 1634 W. TIRWHYT TR. BALZAC'S LETT. (VOL. I) 154 Those who carue in Brasse or Marble waxe old upon their workes. 1659 VANE IN BURTON'S DIARY (1828) III. 171 Consider what it is we are upon, a Protector in the office of Chief Magistrate. 1690 LOCKE GOVT. I. xi. §146 When Mankind were but one People.., and were upon Building a City together. 1707 HEARNE COLLECT. (O.H.S.) I. 30 He designs to carry on the work, being now upon a II/14 volume. 1709 SWIFT ADV. RELIG. WKS. 1755 II. 1, 10 Neither am I at present upon a wild speculative project. 1719 DE FOE CRUSOE II. (GLOBE) 563 They seemed to be upon their own affairs. 1742 RICHARDSON PAMELA I. 162 Well, Jacob, what do you state at? Pray mind what you're upon. 1784 in B. WARD DATON CATH. REVIVAL (1909) I. iv. 87 That they be upon the mission all unitus moris in domino. 1859 DICKENS T. TWO CITIES II. i, He was never absent.. unless upon an errand.

(b) 1577- [see GUARD sb. 5a]. 1647-8 in ENG. HIST. REV. OCT. (1917) 573 There was only townsmen upon the garde, and those expressed great joy to see Sir Hugh. 1678 BUTLER HAD. III. i. 459 He was upon pursuit, To take you somewhere hereabout. 1681 V'CTESS CAMPDEN in 12TH REP. HIST. MSS. COMM. APP. V. 56 Lady SKIDMORE.. was at Mr. CONISBY'S house upon a visette. a1716 SOUTH. SERM. (1717) VI. 378 No Man would spend the Night upon the Sentry, who [etc.]

b. Denoting state or condition. Cf. ON prep. 10.

10. See also BEHAVIOUR 3, BY SB. 2b, CASE SB. 1b, CONTENT SB. 2, DUTY 5c, FRET SB. 1b, LOAN SB. 3, LOOSE a. B. 1, OATH SB. 1, PAROLE SB. 1, TRIAL SB. 12. The uses placed under (b) are obsolete.

(a) c1290 S. ENG. LEG. I. 272/39 Ich am a man upon mi seruice, and norman serui i-nelle Bote mi louerd. a1400-50 ALEXANDER 42 He was wyse enoyc wurdis to reken.. of ledes open lyfe. 1545 LD. BERNERS FROISS. II. lxvii. [lxviii.] 229 All such.. were stilly in theyr owne houses vpon a redynes. c1580 in ENG. HIST. REV. JULY (1914) 517 You must kepe good wache by night and be upon your owne kepinge. 1585 T. WASHINGTON TR. NICHOLAY'S VOY. I. xi. 13b, The Caddy.. keepeth the town vpoun tribute under the king of Alger. 1628 FELTHAM RESOLVES II. IV. 7 Their difference is neuer so much vpon the view, as then. 1657 EARL MONM. TR. PARATA'S POL. DISC. 35 Large Plains in Italy, wherein he might fight the Romans upon great advantage. 1683 MOXON MEC. EXERC. PRINTING XIII. P. 1 It must with the Chissel be split upon a good Blood-Red-Heat in that place. 1706 FARQUHAR RECRUITING OFFICER I. 1, A Granadear.. absent upon Furlow.

1769 GOLDEN. HIST. ROME (1786) II. 373 He never missep hitting.. the fleetest animalis, though upon full speed. 1788 CLARA REEVE ENRIES I. 181 POOR ALBERT.. had been upon the fleet ever since I left him. 1802 TR. GABRIELLI'S MYST. HUSB. III. 86 The kettle was just upon the boile. 1823 SOUTHEY HAT. PENINS. WAR I. 636 The fate of the continent was upon the hazard.

(b) 1425 ROLLS OF PARL. IV. 290 For lake of Parsons.. children have degded uncristend.. and wymen opon chyld perechyd. 1535 COVERDALE I CHRON. XII. 17 Yf ye come vpon diseaste, and to be mine aduersaries. 1604 SHAKS. OTHE. I. 1. 100 And now in madnesse.. Vpon malitious knauerie, dosþ thou come To start my quiet. 1707 J. STEVENS TR. QUEVEDO'S COM. WKS. (1709) 45 Finding a Door upon the jar.

1715 BURNET *Own Time* III. xiv. (1900) II. 357 Lord Russell .. upon all the secret of his [sc. Rumsey's] going beyond sea. 1740 tr. *De Mouhy's Fort. Country Maid* (1741) I. 269. I had left the Door upon the Jarr.

c. Indicating a sphere of activity or existence. Partly with implication of locative sense: cf. i.

1887 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 150 Many goynt now uppon the bursse a xiij^d ob. the nobull. 1580 *NASHE Pasquill's Ret.* I, I little thought to meete these so sudainly upon the Exchange. 1645 HOWELL *Lett.* (1650) I. 26 One may hear 7. or 8. sorts of tounys spoken upon their Bourses. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 48 P.4, I was curious to observe the Reception these Gentlemen met with upon Change. 1712 — Spect. No. 266 P.2 This Creature is what they call newly come upon the Town. 1763 JOHNSON in *Boswell* 25 June, A Merchant upon the Change of London. 1822 W. IRVING *Bracelet Hall* 59 A dashing young ensign, just come upon the town. 1838 D. JERROD *Men of Char.* II. 255 Again was John Applejohn upon the world. 1882 PEBODY *Eng. Journalism* xi. 79 He found employment upon the Morning Post.

d. With sbs. denoting activity or progress. See also GALLOP sb. 1, GO^t, HUNT sb. 1 b, LISTEN sb. 2, LONG RUN, SCRAMBLE sb. 1, TROT sb. 1.

1645 SLINGSBY *Diary* (1836) 176 Our horse, upon a Gallop without once drawing up. 1662 J. WILSON *Claes* I. i. I was out't other Night upon the Randon. 1678 in 12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm. App. V. 50 Lord Rochester hath bin att the gates of death, so penitent that he is upon an amendment. 1728 VANBR. & CIS. Pro. *Husb.* v. i. You will every Day see hundreds as fast upon the Gallop, as she is. 1768 GOLDMS. *Good-n. Man.* i. i. Everything upon the waste. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 105 Grain of all kinds continues upon the advance. 1877 SPURGEON *Serm.* XXIII. 505 The leaves are just upon the turn, and the fall of the year is close at hand.

e. Denoting situation with a portion of time or space.

1634 SIR T. HAWKINS tr. *Mathieu's Unhappy Prosperity* 76 His life was now almost wholly wasted, he is upon the last hour. 1680 R. L'ESTRANGE 20 *Sel. Colloq. Eram.* 258 Observing the Woman to Yawn and just upon her last Stretch, he put etc. 1694 — [see TACK sb. 1]. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* xi. (1840) 187 We being then upon our starboard tack.

11. Indicating the basis or reason of reliance, trust, etc.

See also COUNT v. 9, DEPEND v. 5, HANG v. 13b (quot. 1817), RELY v.^t 5, REST v. 5 b, STAND v. 28c, STAY v.^t 2 b, 3b, SUSPEND v. 9, TRUST v. 1, TRUST v. 1.

1200 ORMIN 16724 And wha sefapp uppone himm, batt mann iss all unndemmedd. 1225 *Ancr.* R. 280 Uor pet stonding is trewe trust of herdi bilitace upon Godes strence. c.1250 *Prayer to Virgin* 18 in *E. M.* 196 Al min hope is upon pe. c.1315 SHOREHAM v. 51 Four manere ioyen by hedde here of. Of hyre so lef in dere, Wytnes opau godspelle. 1377 LANGL. *P. Pl.* B. 1. 17 becullede vppon hym pat lyed in his manere. 1582 *WYCLIF Isaiah* viii. 2 Siris restede up on Effraym. 1509 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 286/2 Om proclamatioun .. anent the intercommuny and sittyng upon the Inglysmenys assouerans. 1574 R. SCOT *Platform Hop Gard.* 2, 1, for my part, relye not upon other mens opinions. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xx. 24 [He] resolved [= relied] vppon so smal an assuarance of the Bascha. 1604 SHAKS. *Oth.* I. iii. 295 My lufe vpon her faith. Honest Iago, My Desdemona must I leaue to thee. 1640 LAUD *Wks.* (1853) III. 279 His Majestys goodness was confident upon the fidelty of his subjects. 1767 GOOCH *Treat. Wounds* I. 241 It is fallacious, and by no means to be depended upon, as Criterion. 1796 JANE AUSTEN *Pride & Prej.* I, Depend upon it.., I will visit them all. 1823 SOUTHEY *Hist. Penins.* War I. 715 They counted upon succour from San Juan's troops. 1850 TENNYSON *In Mem.* xxxii. 7 Then one deep love doth supersede All other, .. And rests upon the Life indeed.

b. According to; in agreement or accordance with; on the model of.

(a) 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 108, I not if that be Sompnolement, Bot upon your conscience, Min hil fader, demeth ye. c.1400 *Soudaine Bob.* 105 Comaudinge hem vppon her legeraunce To come. c.1420 *Avow.* Arth. xxixii, Quat is the rawsun upon ryte, The sothe thou me sayn? c.1440 Jacob's *Well* 66 To make amendys, fully in trewe restituycoun, vp on hi powere. 1516 in *Acta Part. Scot.* (1875) XII. 37/1 He.. behavim him swa towart.. journe brother.. that upon Ressounse na man sal be discontentis of his gyding. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xviii. 20b, The king.. was set to libertie, vpon an accord and alliance which he made. 1664 *Extr. St. Papers Friends* III. (1912) 226, I inform'd my Lord.. that vpon my certaine knowledge a great number would meeete.. att such a house. 1698 FRYER *Acc. E. India* & P. 54 Nothing remaining of it but only what is taken upon Chronicle. 1701 VANBRUCH *Fals Friend* I. i, I find you much upon my taste in this matter. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) VII. 373 Here Mr. Belford gives the substance of it upon his memory. 1867 LOWELL *Fitz Adam's Story* 464 An honest cord [of wood] in Jethro still would fail by A good foot upon the Deacon's scale.

(b) c.1225 Leg. *Kath.* 994 Hwi schulde he forhorioun to warden to bet pilled bet is twent [= formed] upon him? 1563 SHUTE *Archit.* Biv. This pilled [is] .. made by the Ionians upon the Symetrie of a strong man. 1776 *Ann. Reg.* 148 A rife gun upon a new construction. 1790 W. WRIGHT *Grotesque Archit.* II The four minarets at the angles bring the plan upon a square of forty feet. 1791 SWEATON *Edystone L.* §§8 Upon these ideas I drew up.. the following plan. 1863 MARY HOWITT tr. F. BREMER'S *Greece* I. viii. 264 The new constitution of Greece is formed very much upon that of France. 1882 PEBODY *Eng. Journalism* xxii. 172 The Society papers.. are to some extent modelled upon the Reviews.

c. Indicating the ground, basis, occasion, or reason of an action, opinion, etc.; = ON prep. 1.

In very frequent use from c.1525. In group (b) with allusion to literal uses (sense 1).

(a) 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 170 A symple knyght may noch lede a baroun.. upon his sauf condit. c.1500 in C. Trice-Martin *Chanc. Proc.* (1904) 4 Upon untrue verdynte yoven in London ther lieft none atteyn.

1515 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 403/2 The slaughter.. committit apoun forthoche felonys. 1554/5 in *Feuilleter Revels Q. Mary* (1914) 170 In a redines to serve upon further warnynge. 1584 R. SCOT *Discov. Witcher* x. i. (1886) 143 Those witches that make men believe they can prophesie upon dreams. 1602 W. S. *Thomas Ed. Cromwell* v. iv, The great Lord Cromwell arrested vpon treason! 1647-8 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1917) 569 How.. Cholmeley came first to be imployed in the Parliament service, and upon what grounds hee quitt the same. 1697 WALSH *Lif.* V. 26 in Dryden *Virgil.* He has solvd more Phenomen of Nature upon sound Principles, than Aristotle in his Physics. 1722 DE FOE *Plague* (1754) 14 Upon these Arguments my Brother chang'd my Resolutions again. 1747 W. GOULD *Eng. Ants Pref.* Upon this Reason my Lord Bacon does not approve of the historical Method of writing in Philosophys. 1787 WHITAKER *Mary Q. Scots Vind.* I. 62 They thus condemn the Queen, upon letters unauthenticated by the producers. 1827 SCOTT *Chron. Canongate* Introd., Invernahyle obtained from the Chevalier his prisoner's freedom upon parole. 1846 *Chambers Jnl.* VI. 280/2 Upon the most insubstantial of pretexts. 1872 LIDDON *Elem. Relig.* i. 16 The most intellectual Gnostics were Sensualists; Sensualists upon a theory and with deliberation.

(b) a 1400— [see FOUND v. 4]. 1565 SIR R. MAITLAND in *Maitland Folio MS.* 23 Grund all thy doing vpon usfathastes. 1573— [see BUILD v. 6b]. 1672 T. GODDEN *Catholics No Idolaters* 23 This is the major Proposition of his Syllogism, and if this fail, the Charge he builds upon it, must needs fall. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 9 P8 Our Modern celebrated Clubs are founded upon Eating and Drinking. 1814 JANE AUSTEN *Mans. Park* xlii, He particularly built upon a very happy .. autumn there this year. 1844 BERESF. *Hore Es.* 111 This .. does give us very different ground to go upon. 1878 HORPS *Princ. Relig.* iii. 13 Upon this great truth.. we base all our hopes.

†d. Of (a cause of death or illness). Obs.

c.1420 *Brut* 344 Money a worthi man in pat viage ded vpon his fixt. 1510 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 73 Vpon the seid encloresment the same John.. dyed within xij howres. 1600 HOLLAND *Livy* 1264 Upon which fracture he die thirtie daies after. 1645 SLINGSBY *Diary* 1814 JANE AUSTEN *Mans. Park* xlii, He particularly built upon a very happy .. autumn there this year. 1844 BERESF. *Hore Es.* 111 This .. does give us very different ground to go upon. 1878 HORPS *Princ. Relig.* iii. 13 Upon this great truth.. we base all our hopes.

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e. Indicating means of subsistence or existence, or an article of food furnishing sustenance.

Sometimes = 'after having taken or consumed': see (c).

(a) 1457 HARDING *Chron.* in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1912) 747 His lyfecode exceede nocht all clere An hundred markis to leu vpon the dede. c.1489 CAXTON *Sonnes of Aymon* iii. 98 We have loste our store of vytayles, so that we have noe thyng to lyve upon. 1564 *Child-Mart.* 125 Aspsphe is a very poore man, and liveth upon his neibours. 1583 [see LIVE v. 2]. 1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum. Descr.* Char. A Thredbare Sharke. One that.. lives upon lendings. 1601 J. PORY tr. *Lea's Africa* v. 249 Monasteries.. maintained vpon the common benevolence of the citie. 1626 BURGES *Pers. Tithes* 45 All living vpon Fishing. 1713 [see LIVE v. 3]. 1884 *Pall Mall G.* 9 Sept. 3/1 The lady did not indeed say that she lived with her father and mother, but she lived upon them. 1885 *Law Times Rep.* LII. 101/1 He earned nothing, and he lived upon some money of mine.

(b) c.1440 *Pallad.* On *Husb.* x. 76 Tho May haue no wol suffice yppon to feede. 1571 DIGGES *Pantom.* Pref. B, Suche two footed Moules and Todes whom.. nature hath ordanyed to .. suck vpon the muck. 1600 PORY tr. *Lea's Africa* vi. 276 They liue vpon the flesh of Ostriches and camels. 1678 WANLEY *Wond. Lit. World* v. i. 594. 1672/3 'Tis thought he surfeited upon Melons. 1713 STEELE *Guard.* No. 34 He.. breakfasted upon toast and ale. 1743 P. FRANCIS tr. *Hovare.* Sat. II. 122 While Moths upon his rotting Carpets fed. 1818 G. S. FABER *Hora Mosaice* II. 281 If the Dominical Supper be a feast upon a sacrifice. 1832 HT. MARTINEAU *Life in Wilds* ii. 26 The grass it fed upon. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 June 5/1 M. Henze ded his prize oxen upon silage. 1717 Prior *Alma* II. 243 Was ever Tartar fierce or cruel, Upon the Strength of War-Guel. 1737 BRACKEN *Farrerry Impr.* (1757) II. 109 A young Horse may look pretty sleek upon May day. 1897 MEREDITH *Amazing Marriage* i, The clergymen.. renouncing strong drincks, because he found that he 'cursed better upon water'.

(c) 1663 BOYLE *Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* II. vi. 185 Though .. it did make her sickish, especially, when she slept upon it. 1829 SCOTT *Jnl.* 5 July, So to roost upon a crust of bread and a glass of small beer, my usual supper.

†f. At (an expense, cost, etc.). Obs.

c.1400 R. Gloucester's *Chron.* (Rolls) 3799 Al pe bachelerie .. he nom in is compayne.. vp [u.r. vp on, vppon] is cost. 1476 *Acta Auditorium* (1839) 4/2 Bare to remain apoun pare awin expens. 1513 BRAFSHAW *St. Werburgh* II. 115 Many shys who made vpon the kynges cost. 1563 *Ref. Privy Council Scot.* I. 239 To commandis thame to warde, to remane thairn upon thair awin expens. 1577 HAMNER *Acc. Ecl. Hist.* 396 He had buyldyd vpon his owne costes and charges the sepulchres and tumbes. 1674 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 278 A mudwall rowme.. built upon his owne cost. 1711 in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm. App.* V. 12a Each company.. was substaied upon the cost of every capitain for three months.

g. Denoting security of a loan, etc.

1474 CAXTON *Chesse* (1883) 121 The besant.. was holden & gaged vpon an ymage. 1562 J. HERWOOD *Prov. & Epigr.* Bb 1b, No man will one penye lende upon it. 1612 BIBLE *Neh.* v. 4 We haue borrowed money.. vpon our lands and vineyards. 1677 YARRANTON *Eng. Improv.* 7 Moneys lent upon Goods at very easie interest. 1707 *Land. Gaz.* No. 433/8 They will.. Lend Money upon Tallies or other good Securities, at 51. per Cent. 1742 KAMES *Decis. Cr. Sess.* (1799) 40 The money is secured.. upon land. 1791 BOSWELL *Johnson* (1904) I. 328 Security being taken upon the property. 1861 M. PATITION *Ecc.* (1889) I. 36 He assigns 1000 marks.. to his son's wife, secured upon the Swiss possessions of his house. 1868 ROGERS *Pol. Econ.* iv. 43 If [a banker].. issues notes upon no property at all, the issue is fraudulent. 1885 *Act. 48-49 Vict.* c. 54 §1 Any mortgafe or charge duly created.. upon the profits of any benefice.

†h. On condition of. Obs.

1516 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 422/2 The kingis grace dischargis thaim apone thair remaining in ward for the said error. 1591 SHAKS. *I. Hen. VI.* iv. v. 36 Vpon my Blessing I command thee goe. 1626 in Picton *L'pool Munt. Rec.* (1883) I. 199 Maister Lappage doth.. promise that he will continuyn his ministry.. upon true payment and receivinge the aforesaid allowance. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacra* III. iii. §5 If it were suitable to Gods nature to promise life to man upon obedience.

†i. Out of; with; by the use of. Obs. rare.

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 42 He did not make the wife vpon the same cliae, whereof he made man. 1683 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* Printing II. P2 That his Letter be Cast upon good Metal, that it may last the longer.

j. In many phrases, as upon^t, accord, account (of), composition, condition, design, distrust, envy, foot, fraud, head, lease, matter, purpose, score, shame, suspicion, trust, whole, for which see the sbs.

12. At the risk or with the certainty of incurring or suffering (a pain, penalty, etc.); on peril of; = ON prep. 12.

See also PAIN sb. 1, PENALTY sb. 2 d.

c.1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* III. 1570 That he shuld fast goon Vpon the peyn to be blynde. c.1420 *Contin. Brut.* 384 be King commanded to.. late hem passe ny peces, vpon deeth. *Ibid.* 385 [He] chargyd hem, vpon her lyf, to kepe wel the toun and pe Castell. 1480 CAXTON *Deut. Brit.* v. 9 Walshmen shold not passe that dyche with wepen vpon a grete payne. 1540 *Acta Privy Council* (1837) VII. 21 To temperate his tongue hereafter upon adventure of further punishment. 1553 W. CHOLMELEY *Req. & Suite* in *Camden Misc.* (1813) II. 199 Commandyng.. the Aldermen, upon the losse of their autorite and ofice,.. to see [etc.]. 1599 EDWARD III. I. i. 70 With threats, Vpon a penality, inyoyd to come. 1603 PARSONS 2nd Pt. *Three Conver.* Eng. xii. 625 The Duke protesteth the contrary (vpon his death). 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccaccio's Adets. fr. Parnass.* 126, I have.. upon severe punishment, inhibited the translation of my Alcheron. 1699 BENTLEY *Phal.* 439 He order'd every man upon the pain of death to bring in all the money he had.

13. Indicating that which forms the basis of revenue, profit, fines, taxation, lending, etc.; = ON prep. 13.

See also RETIRE sb. 1 e (quot. 1806), TAX sb. 1.

1466 *Acta Auditorium* (1839) 4/2 [He] sall.. resave pe soume of moche auctill till him vppoun he said annuel. 1495 *Act 11 Hen. VII.* c. 42 *Preamble.* So that the said Erle upon his seid lessaues.. do reserve asmuch rents.. as be nowe usuell. 1535 COVERDALE *Neh.* v. 3 Let vs borow money of the kinge vpon vsury. 1554 in *Lendam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 217 They so offendyng to be payed opon a certen some of money. 1677 FETTY *Pol. Arithm.* (1699) 272 Such a part of the full value of their Commodities, as may possibly be lost upon the sale of them. 1797 D'URFEE *Fills* I. 333 Five hundred Pounds upon the brown Bay stall. 1798 *Hull Advertiser* 24 Mar. 2/3 Insurance upon.. outhouses, and upon unthressed stock therein. 1845 R. W. HAMILTON *Pop. Education* x. 278 How can the State raise the amount? Is it not to be raised upon the people? 1845 *Law Times* XCIV. 104/1 A commission of over 60 per cent. upon the sums received.

II. Of motion or direction towards a position, thing or person, state, etc.

14. Upward so as to place or be on a surface, point, etc. Cf. ON prep. 14.

c.1200 ORMIN 11959 Be deoself brohhte Jesu Crist Wippennet o be tempre. Uppoun an sate upp'e ref. c.1250 *Gen.* & *Ex.* 389 Moyses for made a wyrme of bras, And henget heiss up on a saft. c.1300 Havelok 1942 He lep up on a stede lith. 13.. *Sewyn Sages* (W.) 2318 Vpon his palfray lep Catoun. 1375, 1470-85 [see START v. 1]. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* ix. 334 They cam vpon sir launcelot sodenly and vnnethe he myght putte vpon hym his helme. 1535 COVERDALE *Joel* ii. 9 They shal clymm vpon the houses. 1627 DRAFTON *Nymphidia* xvii, Flye Cranion her Chariotte, Vpon the Coach-box gettyn. 1639 S. DU VERGER *tr. Camus' Admir. Events* 120 He lepes upon his Mule. 1725 *Fam. Dict.* s.v. *Pears.* Mount them one upon another Steeplewise. 1847 TENNYSON *Princ.* iii. 208 To lift the woman's fall'n divinitie Upon an even pedestal with man. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch.* & *Schm.* xxi. 440 A large loligo.. had thrown it self high and dry upon the beach.

b. To or towards a position or a surface, etc.; = ON prep. 14.

Group (b) corresponds to sense 1c; group (c) illustrates non-physical uses.

(a) c.1200 ORMIN 14667 Snip itt, allis itt were an sheep, & leiss itt uppoun alitter. c.1250 *Gen.* & *Ex.* 3186 On an gold ge nome god is grauen, and leid up-on 8c heod. *Ibid.* 3349 Vp on his aise his god he dede. c.1300 *Cursor M.* 8894 Viwaril aco sett dor Apon his ilk tre. c.1386 CHAUCER *Knt.* I. T. 921 Some drope of pitee.. Vp vpon wreched wommen lat thou faile. c.1391 — *Astral.* — 57 Ley thi label vp-on the same degree of the sonne. c.1400 *St. Alexius* (Cotton) 257 They hyde water wppon his heade. c.1400 *Two Cookery Bks.* 42 Ban take fayre pecez of Brede.. vpp-e on be Eryoun. 1602 MARSTON *Antonio's Rev.* iv. 111, Her head sunk down upon her breast. a.1655 Sir T. MAYNER *Archinog-Anglo-Call.* No. 84 (1658) 58 Lay this froth upon your sullibub as high as you can. 1667 DAVIDEN *Virg.* iv. 611 The various God.. draws a Rock upon his dark Abode. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Triangle.* If a Perpendicular be let fall upon the Base of an oblique angled Triangle. 1808 SCOTT *Marm.* II. i, Upon the gale she stoope her side. 1844 J. JACK *Hist. of St. Monance* xi. 74 The skipper placed upon the table a large wooden cup or platter. 1870 ANDERSON *Missions Amer.* Bd. IV. xxvi. 63 The mob rushed forward and trampled spitfully upon it. elipt. c.1450 *Mirk's Festival* 1. 5 Sic, sic, opon pe broche, roste hote.

(b) 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 952 Syttyp down vpon 30ure knees c.1400 26 *Pol. Poems* 149/23, I set me dounne apoun my kne. 1486 Bk. St. Albans b1b, Sofie and layserly fall oppoun yowre knees. 1535 COVERDALE *Mark xv.* 19 [They] fell vpon the kne, & worshipped him. c.1578 LINDESAY (*Pitscott*) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 209 The said

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preist.. kneillit doune wpon his knie. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* iv. ii. 288 Come on, away, apart wpon our knees. 1837 SIR F. PALGRAVE *Merch. & Friar* iv. (1844) 176 The Chancellor, dropping off the Woolsack upon his bended knees. 1876 F. K. ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss*. 208, 'Up-end yourself,' get upon your legs.

(c) c 1325 Spec. *Gy Warw.* 995 And anon god putt his fousoun Vp on hire melle. 1382 WYCLIF *Job* xxv. 3 Vp on whom shyneth not the list of hym? 1461 *Rolls of Part.* V. 463/2 Takyngh upon hym.. the Coronue and name of Kyng. 1535 COVERDALE *Numb.* vi. 25 The Lorde make his face to shyne vpon the. 1565 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccolini's Advts. fr. Parnass.* II. vi. 210 Whereby they had put themselves.. upon great difficulties. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* IV. 773 The Nymphs, Companions of th' unhappy Maid, This Punishment upon the Crimes have laid. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* VIII. xxi. I fell in love all at once.. it burst upon me like a bomb. 1768 BOSSUET *Lett.* (1924) 145. I am thrown upon the wide world again. 1793 T. BEDDOES *Demonstr. Bod.* 79 The magnitudes, being doubled upon themselves, increase so, that [etc.]. 1816 BYRON *Prisoner of Chillon* x. A light broke in upon my brain.

c. Denoting incidence, seizure, hold, etc.; = ON prep. 14 b.

c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 2339 Do cam ioseph swile rewle up-on, he dede halle ut se tobere god. 1398 TRAVIS *Barth. De P.R.* xvii. cxv. (Bodi. MS.). Ripe & igadered are corrucione oþer restings falle vpon white. 1530 PALSON. 748/2, I take holde upon one, *jempouye*. 1535 COVERDALE Pt. cxiv. 3 The paynes of hell gaþ holde vpon me. 1535 [see LAY v. 22]. 1546— [see SETZE v. 9]. 1632 LITHCOW *Trov.* VII. 301 The Venetian Factor seased vpon all. 1665 Extr. *St. Papers. Friends* III. (1912) 240 There was a wide congregation of quakers and the like seised vppon by Sir Francis Clarke sunday last. 1884 J. PAYNE *New Poems* 259 A deadly terror got A sudden hold upon her. 1892 H. LANE *Differ. Rheum. Dis.* (ed. 2) 67 It seems to have taken a firm hold upon the public.

d. Of the incidence of a blow, stroke, etc.; = ON prep. 14 c.

c 1300 Havelok 734 He.. smot him so up-on pe crune, bat [etc.]. 13.. Guy Warw. (A.) 2368 þan hastiliche pre ost ichon Opon Segyn þat smiten anon. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. ix. 516 Sir Tristran gaf hym suche a buffet vpon the helme. 1507 in Leadam *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) 253 He sawe.. Irton being hurt vpon the hed. 1562 Aberd. *Kirk Ses. Rec.* (Spalding Cl.) 6 To þeƿneist with one palm vpon the hand for ilk salt. 1504 SELIMUS 1447 Dart. Thy smouldring flame Vpon the head of cursed Acomat. 1611 BIBLE *Exod.* vii. 17 Behold, I will smite with the rod.. vpon the waters. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 9 p 11 His Neighbour may give him a Kick upon the Shins. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, Hist. I. xxi. 13 Many.. have stood amazed.. when they saw me.. shoot the arrow upon the mark. 1813 SCOTT *Rokeby* vi. xxv, One stroke, upon the Castle bell, To Oswald rung his dying knell. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Drama Exile* 64 This is the End lost by Lucifer!.. this the sword.. That smote upon the forehead. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapt. of Fleet* I. viii. The cruel cat falling at every step upon their.. bleeding shoulders.

e. In phrases of the type *harm upon harm, torment upon torment*, denoting cumulative addition or repetition; = ON prep. 14 d.

c 1320 R. BRUNNE *Medit.* 865 þey wounded here, and heþed harne vpon harmes. c 1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 346 And so servauntis upon servauntis wereñ charglous to þis hous. c 1485 Digby *Myst.* (1882) v. 1336 He had torment oþer torment. 1529 S. Fish *Suppli. Beggers* (1871) 13 The capteyns of his kingdom.. have heþed to him beneſice vpon beneſice. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch.* V. iii. i. 91 Why, thou lose vpon losse! 1599 Much *Ado* II. i. 252 Hudling test vpon test, with.. impossible condaunce vpon me. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 152 Which heþed vpon them Anathema vpon Anathema. 1699 EVELYN *Aetaria App.* F. 4, Cover the Bottom of the Jar with some Dill.. then a Bed of Nuts, and so stratum upon stratum. 1864 KINGSLY *Roman & T.* 137 Dietrich had had to write letter upon letter. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremna* I. 90 Centuries upon centuries of carnage.. have laid the land bare. 1884 C. F. WOOLSON in *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 371 Millions upon millions of violets.

f. On (a voyage, expedition, mission, etc.); = ON prep. 14 e.

1426 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 648 Or I myhte make my passage To gynnyn vpon my pylgrymage. c 1430 — *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 12 The kyng proceeding forth upon his way, kome to the Condyte. 1506 SHAKS. *I Hen. IV.* I. iii. 150 When the vnþappy King.. diȝ set forth vpon his Irish Expedition. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 55 p 1 A young Fellow.. sent upon a long Voyage. 1712 W. ROGERS *Voy.* 324 To encourage our South Sea Company, to go upon some Discovery that way. 1817 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xvii. II. 77 The rufescen ants do not leave their nests to go upon these expeditions.. till [etc.]. 1839 BAILEY *Festus* 232 As on they sped upon their starward course.

15. Into contact or collision with, esp. by way of attack; against; = ON prep. 15.

See also COME v. 51 b., FALL v. 70 b., FLY v. 1 b., co v. 67 a., LAY v. 1 32 a., SET v. 132 a. 1 Me-thought moght it [v.r. i] upon him rinc.. I suld haþ all hal. 13.. Guy Warw. (A.) 1966 þou schalȝ ȝif þe first assaut Open pe Almounds. c 1385 CHAUCER *L.G.W.* 1327 *Dido* (Fairt). On a nyght sleping he let his lyre, And staþ a-wey vpon [v.r. vnto] his compaþie. c 1400 Sc. *Trojan War* II. 444 Russandhe wpon the altare. c 1450 Merlin iii. 56 Whan Vter saugh. the Danes assembled, he sette vpon hem a vigorously or more. c 1500 Melusine lix. 348 Go we vpon our enemys to helpe & socoure our frendes. 1535 COVERDALE *Sam.* xvii. 35 And when he wold haþe beene vpon me, I toke him by his beerde. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* I. xix. 22 The Turkes.., vpon whom they of the Castle.. gaue an assault. 1622 BABBE tr. *Alement's Guzman d'Alf.* II. 48. I stumbled.. vpon a great dung miken. 1631 PELHAM *Gods Power* 2 Wee eight men.. were bound for this Greenland aforesaid, to make a voyage upon Whales or Sea-horse. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 299 p 2 He drew his Sword upon me before he was nine years old. 1782 COPPER *Royal George* 2 She ran upon no rock. 1801 STRAUTT *Sports & Past.* III. i. 130 The two combatants.. were thereby prevented from running

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their horses upon each other. 1857 T. HUGHES *Tom Brown* i. ix. [They] run plump upon one of the masters as they emerge into the High Street.

ellipsis. c 1450 Merlin iii. 56 The kyng seids to his peple, 'Now vpon hem in all that we may'. 1535 COVERDALE *Sam.* xviii. 14 Not so, I wil vpon him before they. 1588 SHAKS. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 367 Aduanys our standards, & vpon them Lords. 1821 BRYON *Sardanap.* iv. i, Upon them! (Trumpet sounds again.)

fig. 1525— [see RUSH v. 6 b., 3 a]. 1887 'L. CARROLL' *Game of Logic* i. 36 Let them Rush upon their Fate!

16. In the direction of; towards; = ON prep. 16.

a. In respect of, looking, etc.

See also CAST v. 7, FRONT v. 1, CAPE v. 3, GAZE v. 1 b., GLARE v. 2, LAUGH v. 4, LOOK v. 1, PORE v. 1, SEE v. 21, SMILE v. 2, SQUINT v. 2.

c 1225 ANCR. R. 56 To kesten kang eien upon sunge wummen. c 1250 Gen. & Ex. 2661 Dor quiles he wedewden [= looked] him up on. Mani dede bileþ un-don. c 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Conc.* 5024 þair bodys sal alle unsemely be.. and ugly, open to se. c 1385 CHAUCER *Kat.* T. 219 He cast his eye vpon Emelyna. 14.. in E.E.P. (1862) 144 Dame yspocyle loke vp-on a boke. 1526 TINDALE *z John* i. 1 That which.. we haþe lokon, and oure hondes have handled. 1582 [see TURN v. 46]. 1622 LITHCOW *Trov.* I. 38 Arthur looked vpon me, and I laughed vpon him. 1710 STRYPE *Life & Acts of E. Grindal* vii. 70 These Unsuccesses were justly looked upon to proceed from the punishing Hand of Heaven. 1790 BRUCE *Source of Nile* I. 5 We pointed our prow directly.. upon Alexandria. 1799 WORDSW. *Two April Mornings* 19 Martew.. fixing still his eye Upon the eastern mountain-top. 1845 S. AUSTIN *Ronke's Hist. Ref.* II. 357 The fears of some, the hopes of others, and the attention of all, were now turned upon the young emperor. 1874 FARRAR *Christ* I. 67 He turned His back for a time upon His native land. 1884 Mrs. OLIPHANT *Sir Tom* iv. Her gray eyes was covatous wþoun money. 1508 BARCKLEY *Felic.* Man. 1. 51 A young man.. that was.. ensoumed vpon an Image of marble. 1614 BP. *HALL Recoll. Treat.* 982 In this case, Moses should haþe bee[n].. cast downe..; yet how hot is hee upon justice. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 106 P 3 When he is pleasant upon any of them, all his Family are in good Humour. 1843 FRASER'S *Mag.* XXVIII. 619 O'Connell is bent upon the restoration of the British empire.

b. Denoting the object of regard, desire, etc.; = ON prep. 20 b.

See also DOTE v. 1, EAGER a. 6, KEEN a. 6 b., MAD a. 4, RUN v. 70 b., SET v. 1 37.

c 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace (Rols)* 7604 Opon þat meyden he wax al mad. 1382 WYCLIF *Psalm xxxix.* [xl.] 17 Ful out iþe thei, and glade vpon me, alle that seechen thee. c 1449 PEACOCK *Reþ. II. xx.* 267 He schal haue miche greter affeccioun vpon the seid frend. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lvi. 508 Louers.. son mad and sooo soted vpon wymmen. c 1578 LINDESAY (*Pitscottie*) *Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 169 The king.. was covatous wþoun money. 1508 BARCKLEY *Felic.* Man. 1. 51 A young man.. that was.. ensoumed vpon an Image of marble. 1614 BP. *HALL Recoll. Treat.* 982 In this case, Moses should haþe bee[n].. cast downe..; yet how hot is hee upon justice. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 106 P 3 When he is pleasant upon any of them, all his Family are in good Humour. 1843 FRASER'S *Mag.* XXVIII. 619 O'Connell is bent upon the restoration of the British empire.

c. Among (a number of sharers, etc.); Obs.

1492 in 10th Rep. *Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 323 Distributors of the same upon the communes. 1526 TINDALE *Rom.* xv. 26 To make a certayne distribution apon the poore sanctes. 1598 DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* K. 3, He diuideth the Lands vpon his horsemen, to each his portion.

d. Indicating the person by whom a cheque, draft, order, etc., is payable, or the bank on which it is drawn; = ON prep. 20 c.

See also CHEQUE sb. 3, DRAUGH sb. 35, DRAW v. 65.

1660 NICHOLAS *Paperi* (Camden) IV. 226 Mr. Fox haþing giuen mee a note upon Mr. Shaw to pay me my allowance. a 1722 FOUNTAINHEAD *Debt.* (1759) I. 12 The bill upon his wife for 200. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 216 He shews me a bill upon me, drawn by my wife. 1798 in *Ushak Mag.* Dec. (1913) 287 An order upon Mr. Wright for £12 as the price of the book sent to. 1843 BLACKW. *Mag.* LIV. 736 It may be quite as well.. to draw upon the bank.

21. Indicating a person or thing towards whom or which hostile or adverse action or language is directed; against; = ON prep. 21.

See also (a) BLOW v. 10, COMPLAIN v. 6 b., CRY v. 21 b., DESIGN sb. 1 b., LIE v. 1 b., PEACH v. 2, RAGE v. 2 b., RAIL u. 1 b., STEAL v. 5 c.; (b) GO v. 6 b., MAKE v. 81, SEEK v. 17.

(a) c 1200 ORMIN 415 þate fund mani nan þing uppón hem. To wreȝen, ne to teλen. a 1225 Leg. *Kath.* 2204 þa Porþire isch feile, þet me seide hit upon.., dreien to deðe. c 1275 *Passion Our Lord* 24; in O.E. *Mic.* 44 A ucole kunne wi he lowen him vp-on. c 1340 Lydg. *Hors. Shape & G.* 151 He crythe after peasse, compleynthe wþoun þe werres sore.. c 1440 *Alph. Tales* 12 þis abbiat.. forgaſt pain all þai had saide wþoun hur. 1560 DAUS tr. *Steeldane's Comm.* 10 He declareth howe grevously he is complained upon unto the Duke. 1642 LAUD *Diary* 2 Dec., They were sufficiently raised upon in the streets. 1651 H. MORE *Second Lash in Enthus.* Tr., etc. (1656) 253, I now forgive thee heartily for all thy abuses upon me. a 1715 BURNET *Wott. Time* (1900) II. 84 The court carried every question.., though with.. a protestation made upon every step that was carried. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, Hist. xiii. § 1 He also jested upon him. 1753 MISS COLLIER *Art. Torment.* II. ii. (1811) 13 Nor need you be apprehensive of the others telling tales upon you. 1861 F. TEMPLE *Serm.* 274 The unhappy man who has not courage to tell upon himself. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 441/2 The judges.. must accept criticism upon their order.

(b) c 1200 ORMIN 7155 Forr þatt he wennde þatt tollt folic Upponi himm cummen were.. for to nippren himm. c 1330 Hali *Meid.* 17 Lecherie.. seched earst upon hire, nebbe to nebbe. c 1300 Havelok 65 Was non so bold.. þat durste upon his menie bringe the Hunger. 13.. K. ALIS. 475 (Laud MS.), Euermore hiþ beþ wende, And vpon conquerende. c 1386 CHAUCER *Monk's T.* 537 The people roote vp-on hym on a nyght. 1393 LANGL. P. PI. C. vii. 106 Ich am wrathe.., wþol gladiche smyte Boþe with ston and with staf, and stèle vp-on my enemy. c 1450 Merlin ii. 24 The heþen assembled a grete oste vpon hem. 1475 BK. Noblesse (Roxb.) 5 They bring assaillours upon this lande. 1518 in Leadam *Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 137 Afterwardes they sought vpon hym at his boþe with ii clubbys. 1535 COVERDALE *i. Esdras* i. 27, I am not sent.. to fight agaynst ye.. for my warre is upon Euphrates. 1608 Yorksh. *Trag.* vii. 17 It shall be my charge To raise the townne vpon him.

(c) 1476 ACTA AUDITORIUM (1839) 55/2 Elen Tullock.. wes mriȝt be tim pat þe said det wes recouerit upon his. 1482 CEL. *Papers* (Camden) 83 To see the hurties and harms he dyd wþoun your goodes. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warres* 28 He is to haue great care that his soldiers grow not licentious vpon their poore hosts. 1647 in *Crawford Proclam.* (1910) II. 55/1 Robberies committed by the tories and rebels upon the protestants. 1678 WANLEY *Wond. Lit. World* v. i. § 98 Encroachments upon his Dominions. 1748 ANSON's *Voy.* II. v. 176 The most eligible situation on that coast for cruising upon the enemy. 1754 A. MURPHY *Gray's Inn Journal* No. 102 P 2 A Design upon one another's Pockets.. was introductory of another Crime. 1774 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. (1915) 30 He places a number of.. sepoys upon them and their families. 1883 HARPER'S *Mag.* Aug. 448/2 The disadvantages are.. unreliability in stays.., hardness upon helms.

b. On or against (a person), by way of vengeance or the like.

c 1300 CURSOR M. 5862 þat suerd hau tak na wrak. c 1400 PILGR. SOULE (Caxton, 1483) III. viii. 55 They alwey haþen sought vengeance.., to be broken vpon tho that ought haue myslid them. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lv. 506 Soone we shold haue ben reueged vpon the fals knyghtes. 1526 [see REVENGE v. 1-2]. 1535 COVERDALE *Isaiah* i. 23, I must ease me of myne enemies, and a venge me vpon them. 1595 *Locrine* II. v. 86 Reuenge my death vpon his traitorous head. 1660 HOOK *Lives Abs.* I. vii. 377 Edwy had the power to avenge himself upon Dunstan.

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*ellipt. c 1485 Digby Myst. (1882) I. 322 A shamefull deth I
asse vpon herowde. 1535 COVERDALE Ps. viii. 10 God
lethet me se my desyre vpon myne enemies.*

c. So as to close in or confine.

1382 WYCLIF 2 Kings iv. 5 The woman wente, and closeode
the dore vpon her silf and vpon her children. 1535
COVERDALE Num. xvi. 33 They wente downe quycke in to
the hell.. And the earth closed vp them. — Ps. lxix. 15
That.. the pitte shun not hir mouth vpon me. 1633 T.
ADAMS Exp. 2 Pet. ii. 5 The Lord.. himself shut the doore
of the Ark vpon Noah. 1701 PRIDEAUX Direct. Ch.-wardens
(1712) 10 If they shall meet.. with the Doors lock'd, barred,
or bolted upon them. 1844 DICKENS Mart. Chuz. xlviij.
Softly turning the key upon him as they went out.

22. With respect or regard to; in reference to;
touching, concerning; as to; = ON prep. 22.

See also AGREE v. 1b, COMPLIMENT v. 3, CONCLUDE v. 13,
CONSULT v. 1, INSIST v. 3, LOT sb. 1, MATTER sb. 25, PRICE v.
4, TREAT v. 2, VALUE v. 6.

1382 WYCLIF Eccles. xvii. 11 A litil weep vp on the deade,
for he restede. 1390 GOWER Conf. I. 110, I finde upon
Surquieride, How that.. Be olde daies was a King [etc.].
c 1400 Contin. Brut. 321 In weiche parlamente was treated
.. how he myste best oppon his wrong be avenged. 1439
Cases bef. King's Council (Selden) 105 The Kyngis
counsaillours examined the persons.. upon the ryot. 1484
Surtees Misc. (1888) 43 Surmising none other upon hym.
1515 in Leadam Star Chamber Cases (Selden) II. 85 Two
seuerall Writtes.. to them directed to enquire and examyn
vpon certen Interrogatoriez. 1584 COCAN Haven Health xc.
81 If you will not be at cost vppon spiccs, you may make a
verie sweete water thus. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) 1 Kings xxx. 6
The soule of euerie man was bittterly affected upon their
sonnes, and daughters. 1680 MOXON Mech. Exerc. xiii. 227
Having such good Success upon Brass, I improv'd the
Invention so, as to make it serve for Wood also. 1710 STEELE
Tatler No. 150 14. I could name Two, who.. fell out and
parted Bedes upon the boiling of a Leg of Mutton. 1760
Imposters Detected III. vii. [She] was not in the least vain or
proud upon the encouinments.. from every mouth. 1826 Art
of Bretring (ed. 2) 9 Opinions and practices.. completely at
variance upon the subject of mashing. 1843 BLACKW. MAG.
LIV. 209, I shall set you at ease.. upon that point. 1885 SIR
H. C. LOPEZ in Law Reports 14 Q.B.D. 921 This case raises
a novel point upon which there is no authority.

b. Denoting the object to or towards which
mental activity is directed; = ON prep. 22 b.

See also CONSIDER v. 11 b, MEDITATE v. 4b, MIN. v.² 3b,
MIND sb. 7 (quot. 1589), PUT v. 27c, REFLECT v. 13,
REMEMBER v. 4c, RUN v. 70c, STUDY v. 1, 2, THINK v.² 3b,
TREAT v. 2.

a 1300 Sarum xxxvi. in E.E.P. (1862) 5 And pench pos
wordis heri ispoke; for-syte ham noxt ac pench span. a 1300
Cursor M. 112 In his wrisch walid I bigyn A lastand warc
apon to myn. 1390 GOWER Conf. I. 14 To studie upon the
worldes lere Sufficeth now withoute more. a 1400 Isumbra
427 Sir Ysambra hym umbithoghe Appone a horse that
cole broghte. c 1450 Merlin iii. 49 The moste
remembrance that I shall haue, shall be vpon yow, and on
yowre nedes. 1463 Bury Wills (Camden) 34 A
remembrance to thynke vpon me. 1582 N. T. (Rhem.)
Matt. vii. 28 The multitude were in admiration vpon his
doctrine. 1611 BIBLE 1 Tim. iv. 15 Meditate vpon these
things. 1655 EARL ORREY Parthen. I. viii. 418 Did you
reflect upon it with an vmpredicature opinion. 1719 De Foe
Crusoe I. (Globe) 226. I ask'd him what was he study'd
upon. Ibid. II. (Globe) 379 But now the Admiration was
turn'd upon another question. 1871 W. ALEXANDER Johnny
Gibb xlvi. It has a closin'-in heid-piece concern that min's
me.. upon a match that my wife hed ance. 1899 W. J.
LOCKE White Dove 3 S— was at last able to reflect upon the
entire unexpectedness of his presence.

c. Denoting the subject of speech or writing;
= ON prep. 22 c.

Freq. with verbs, as rave, talk, write; AMPLIFY v. 7 b,
CRITICISE v. 1 b, DISTINGUISH v. 8c, SPEAK v. 15.

(a) a 1390 Wyclif Bible (1850) IV. 303 An other
[prologue] vpon Romaynes. 1390 GOWER Conf. II. 65
Lsodome his lusti wif.. Upon a thing whiche draddre A
letter.. sende him. 1525 LD. BERNERS Froiss. II. Preface,
My Preface vpon the fyrst volume of this cronycle. 1533
FRITH Answe. More E iii. b. The mynde and exposition of the
olde Doctours vpon the wordes of Chrystes maundye. 1557
Totel's Misc. (Arb.) 113 Vpon the deceas of W. Ch. 1605
SHAKS. Mach. I. i. 23 We would spend it in some words
vpon that Businesse. 1697 DE F. Es. Projects Pref. I
wou'd not adventure to appear in Print upon that Subject.
1709 STEELE Tatler No. 114 P. Our Discourse chanced to
be upon the Subject of Death. 1758 BOSWELL Lett. (1924) 6
From I to 2, [I] attend a college upon Roman Antiquities.
1801 Farmer's Mag. Jan. 66 A series of animadversions..
published upon it in a provincial paper. 1824 BYRON Juan
xvi. xlviii. She.. Made epigrams.. Upon her friends. 1893
STEVENSON Catriona xii. He engaged the goodwife.. with
some compliments upon the rizzoring of our haddocks.

(b) 1483 CAXTON G. de la Tour 107 Now I shall tellle yow
upon this matere of a good lady. 1528 in Roy Rede me, etc.
(Arb.) 152 Aystyne sayeth vpon the psalter, ye claryg
occupyeth the secular lordshyppe secularly. 1574 R.
Bristol Treatise 47 Vpon these two, Christ.. and his
Church, ronmeth al the Scripturis. 1582 FOLKE in Confer.
III. (1583) Qijb, I wil not vouchsafe to replie vpon this
answere. 1605 CAMDEN Rem. 143 But he repaid him with
this re-alusion vpon the name. 1710 STEELE Tatler No. 14
P. My Design of observing upon Things. 1748
RICHARDSON Clarissa (1811) I. 185, I.. am the less solicitous
.. to amplify upon the contents of either.

(c) 1481 in Blades W. Caxton (1882) 231. The polytyque
book.. whiche that Tullius wrote vpon the disputacons
[etc.]. 1600 W. FOWLER Wks. (S.T.S.) 9 A Fvncl Sonet,
written vpon the death of.. Elizabeth Dowglas. 1709
ADDISON Tatler No. 163 P. The Sonnet.. was written upon
a Lady. 1776 JOHNSON in Boswell (1904) I. 647 A man who
has never been engaged in trade himself may undoubtedly
write well upon trade. 1791 'G. GAMBO' Ann. Horsem.
(1809) 55 Had they spent as much time in riding upon
turmps, as they have in writing upon them.

III. In other senses.

† 23. From (a person or persons), esp. by
means of hostile attack; = ON prep. 23. Obs. (Cf.
21.)

Const. with verbs, as make, nim, recover, take, win; also
CONQUER v. 2 b, GAIN v.² 4.

1338 R. BRUNNE Chron. (1810) 22 Upon Saynt Edmunds
Northfolle he nam. 1387 TREVISA Higden (Rolls) VI. 291
Egbertus.. took Chestre uppone pe Britounis. 1412-20 LYDG.
Chron. Troy III. 3423 Troyens han wonn a geyn her lande
Vp-on Grekis. 1483 in Acta Dom. Conc. II. Introd. 114
Quhilk som was recoverit be.. Dure apone the said Schir
John. a 1513 LD. BERNERS Huon 527 A ryche shyp, the
whiche was wonne vpon the soudians men. 1568 GRAFTON
Chron. II. 194 They wanne dayly and yrelly vpon the syd
Turkes, so that they had.. much of the landes. 1643 PAYNNE
Doom. Cowardice & Treach. 6 At last by such forcible
assaults the said Towne was taken uppon the said Robert.
1614 BRAMHALL Just. Wind. I. (1661) 2 Whatsoeuer the Popes
of Rome gained uppon us. 1660 NICHOLAS Papers (Camden)
IV. 187 The prizes made by the Ostenders upon the Kings
counsaillours examined the persons.. upon the ryot. 1844
Surtees Misc. (1888) 43 Surmising none other upon hym.
1515 in Leadam Star Chamber Cases (Selden) II. 85 Two
seuerall Writtes.. to them directed to enquire and examyn
vpon certen Interrogatoriez. 1584 COCAN Haven Health xc.
81 If you will not be at cost vppon spiccs, you may make a
verie sweete water thus. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) 1 Kings xxx. 6
The soule of euerie man was bittterly affected upon their
sonnes, and daughters. 1680 MOXON Mech. Exerc. xiii. 227
Having such good Success upon Brass, I improv'd the
Invention so, as to make it serve for Wood also. 1710 STEELE
Tatler No. 150 14. I could name Two, who.. fell out and
parted Bedes upon the boiling of a Leg of Mutton. 1760
Imposters Detected III. vii. [She] was not in the least vain or
proud upon the encouinments.. from every mouth. 1826 Art
of Bretring (ed. 2) 9 Opinions and practices.. completely at
variance upon the subject of mashing. 1843 BLACKW. MAG.
LIV. 209, I shall set you at ease.. upon that point. 1885 SIR
H. C. LOPEZ in Law Reports 14 Q.B.D. 921 This case raises
a novel point upon which there is no authority.

† 24. In respect of; = ON prep. 24. Obs.

a 1310 in Wright Lyric P. v. 26 He is blosome open bleo
bristest under bis. 13. Cursor M. 204 (Gött.). He lis here
vte cum se pu sal. Naked upon his limes all.

25. On (a musical instrument).

c 1384 CHAUCER H. Faerie III. 110 Then I pleyn vpon
an harpe.. Orpheus ful craftely. 1524 Reg. Privy Seal Scot.
I. 499 Playing spoun organis in the Kingis chapell. 1552
in Feuillierat Revels Edu. VI (1914) 89, I haue provided one
to pliae vpon a kettell drom. 1621 BRATHWAIT Nat.
Embassie Ded., Able to play vpon an oaten pipe. 1683
KENNETT tr. Erasm. on Folly 68 More noke skill.. than a Pig
playing upon the Organs. 1709 Mrs. MANLEY Secret Mem.
I. 149 A great many of 'em.. can tooft, tooft, tooft, it upon a
Pipe. 1804-6 SVd. SMITH Mor. Philos. (1850) 175 Any air..
performed upon such an instrument as the bagpipe. 1842
TENNYSON Locksley Hall 2 When you want me, sound upon
the bugle-horn. 1876 GRANT Burgh Sch. Scot. II. 380
Discoursing lamentes upon the Bagpipes.

26. Denoting advance from or improvement
on some standard, etc.

See also IMPROVE v. 8, IMPROVEMENT 6b, REFINEx v. 10.
1662 EVELYN Chalcogr. 50 Which afterwards Sebastian
Serli refining upon composed the better part of that
excellent book of his. 1711 ADDISON Spect. No. 44 P The
French have therefore refi'd too much upon Horace's
Rule. 1782 PRIESTLEY Corrupt. Chr. I. III. 301 An
improvement was made upon this doctrine. 1843 BLACKW.
Mag. LIV. 197 Mr. Collins has improved greatly upon his
last year's exhibition. 1859 GLADSTONE Gleam. (1879) II.
171 If he continueth to advance upon himself as he has
advanced heretofore.

† u'pon, adv. Obs. (exc. arch. in sense 1b).
[Ellipt. use of prec.]

1. On it; on or upon the surface.

1307 York Memo. Bk. (Surtees) I. 181 Lether with the
here upon. 1382 WYCLIF Eccl. xxxiii. 6 An hors cursor..
under ech man vpon sittende neyse. 1547 in Feuillierat
Revels Edu. VI (1914) 13 Changeable Taftis striydp vpon
with blewe golde dormix. 1567 in Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.
(1907) IV. 90 A clothe of blacke and redd wroughte
with golde vpon. 1596 SHAKS. Merch. V. ii. vii. 57 A coyne that
beares the figure of an Angell stampit in gold, but that's
incut vpon.

b. On one's person, as an article of apparel.
Phr. clothed upon, after biblical use (see quot.
1611). Cf. CLOTHE v. 9.

a 1366 CHAUCER Rom. Rose 364 A chapelet, so semly oon,
Ne wereide never mayde vpon. c 1386 Friar's T. 84 He
[sc. a gay yeoman] hadde vp-on a courtepy of grene. 1390
GOWER Conf. II. 246 And sche.. her scherte dede upon And
caste on hire a mantel cloe. 1446 LYDG. Two Nightingale II.
123 Whan Crist heys was for mankynd dede And had
vpon a garnement ful newe. 1513 BRADSHAW St. Werburgh
I. 1301 His gloues, his gyrdell, the kynghe had vpon. 1621
BIBLE 2 Cor. v. 2 Desiring to clothe vpon our sonnes
house, which is from heauen. 1616 CARVL Expos. Job 1855
Those bodies of Saints.. shall be cloathed upon with a house
which is from Heaven. 1805 L. JOHNSON Poems 34 Old
ramparts, gray and stern; But comely clothed upon. With
wealth of moss and fern. 1930 Month Mar. 230 Ancient
stones, like Ezekiel's dry bones, shall be clothed upon.

2. a. Into or to a position on a surface or object;
so as to be put or placed on the thing in question.

1382 WYCLIF Num. xvii. 2 Of echon the name thow shal
upon write [L. superscriber] to his 3erde. c 1400 LANFRANC
Cirurgie 219 Make it abroad upon a cloop & leie it vpon hoof.
c 1440 Paliad. on Hus. VIII. 106 Do donc vppon and vmb
on every side. 1534 DELIADE Luke xx. 18 But on whosover
it fal vpon, it wyl grydne him to powder.

b. In a direction towards something indicated
or specified.

c 1400 Apol. Loll. 2 þer for, if we wil, we mai calle
bisoppon, locan up on. 1593-1611 see Look v. 4b.

3. On or upon that (in time or order);
thereafter, thereupon. Esp. coupled with anon,
near, soon.

See also HEREUPON, THEREUPON, WHEREUPON ados.

14.. Lydgate's Bochol. 289 Affir who deth anón vpon
[MS. Hart. 1245 vpon anoon] syng. To Euergetes.. She
was a geyn ioyned in mariage. c 1440 Generydes 1926 Thanne
came the prince of Cesare sone vpon. Ibid. 6632 Kyng
auferius fel seke anón vpon. 1523 FIRTHERB. Husb. §12 So
that they be sowne ere the begynnyng of Marche, or some
vpon. 1602 SHAKS. Ham. I. ii. 179 Ham. I think it was to see
my Mother's Wedding. Hor. Indeed my Lord, it followed
hard vpon. 1603 Meas for M. iv. vi. 14 The.. Citizens
Haue hent the gates, and very neare vpon The Duke is
entring. 1606 Tr. & Cr. iv. iii. 3 It is great morning,
and the houre prefxt.. Comes fast vpon.

4. By way of addition, increase, etc.

c 1485 FORTESCU Wks. (1869) 487 Why will God put
uppon newe turments ovir the travale of ther labour?

† upon, obs. var. OPEN a. (Cf. UPEN a.)

13.. E. E. Alit. P. B. 453 benne waste he vpon his
wyndowe. 14.. Sir Beues (E.) 87/1691 Anon þe gate he vpon
look.

† uperland, adv. Obs. Also 3-4 vp o londe, 5 Sc.
uplande; 5-6 vp of land, and UPALAND. [f. uppe
UP adv.² + ON prep. i b (o prep.) + LAND sb.¹] Cf.
UPLAND adv.¹] In the country, as opposed to the
town.

a. a 990 in Thorpe Anc. Laws (1840) I. 118 Be cieper-
monna non upp on londe. c 1386 CHAUCER Prol. 702 A
poure person dwellynge vp on lond. 1430-40 LYDG. Bochas
Prol. 84 Folkis that dwellyn vp-on lande. c 1480 HENRYSON
Two Mice i. The vther [mouse] wynnt vponland. —
Sheep & Dog xviii. Are schewell stowz Quhilk.. dyts all the
pure men vpon land [1568 Bann. MS. vp of land].
b. c 1300 Havclot 763 Gode panier.. to beren fish inne.
Vp o londe to sellle and fonge. 14.. Burgh Laws Scotland
xxvii. It is to wt that men uplande may borow their
pundis thrys.

c. c 1440 ALPH. Tales 173 On a tyme he was lugid on a night
in a house vp of land. 1568 [see a. above].

b. John Upoland, a rustic. (Cf. UPALAND b.)
a 1568 in Bannatyne MS. (Hunter. Club) 269/26 This said
Johnne vponland.

† uponlandis, obs. Sc. var. UPLANDS a.

c 1480 HENRYSON Fables heading (Harl. MS.), The Tail of
the vponlandis Moue and the burges Mous.

† uponon(e), adv. Obs. rare. Also uponan. [f.
UPON prep. + ONE pron. 32 f.] = ANON ad. 4.
c 1400 Destr. Troy 2418, I onswart hym esely eysn vpon-
onon. Ibid. 6712 Polidamas.. can fight, With his Enemis full
egyly, euer vpon-one.

'up-patient'. [UP a.; cf. UP adv.² 7 a.] An in-
patient in hospital no longer confined to bed.

1522 R. GORDON Doctor in House xi. 119 Two up-
patients, dressing-gowned old gentlemen. 1659 March.
Guardian 19 Aug. 5/6 Topham is an up-patient.. We
started him with a couple of hours up each morning. 1767 J.
GRENFELL Joyce Grenfell requests Pleasure (1977) xi. 163 Up-
patients sat on the grass on grey army blankets.

† uppe, v. Obs. Forms: 1 yppan, 2 ippen, 3
uppen. [OE. yppan (also geyppan), f. upp UP
adv.¹, giving southern ME. üppen, midland
uppen. Cf. ON. yppa (MDA. ypp), and OHG.
üffan (MHG. üffen, üfen, obs. G. aufen).] trans.
To display or make manifest; to bring to notice;
to make known.

c 897 K. ELFRED Gregory's Past. C.lix. 451 Diet we hit..
fordy yppen þær mon God herige. c 900 tr. Baedea's Hist. iv.
xxv. (1890) 352 Sc. Godes mon.. þa unrotessete his heort
.. ypte & cyðde. a 1000 Colloq. Ælfric in Wr.-Wilcker 102
Ic ne deor yppan be digla ure. c 1200 Trin. Coll. Hom. 165
Here wome is here crist, and all iuelc forbismis hi ippen of
hem seluen. a 1225 Ancre. R. 146 Hercreñs nu.. hu hit is to
uppen & selpen of god dede. Ibid., Ancre pet was iwuned..
wel uorte wurchen, & seobben.. uppede hit & scheawede.

uppen: see UP prep.¹

'uppen, v. E. Engl. ? Obs. [f. UP adv.¹ + -EN⁵.
Cf. UPPE v.] trans. To bring up, mention,
disclose.

1565 GOLDING Ovid's Met. III. 344 When that after nickle
talke.. Joves name was upned. 1567 Ibid. XII. 179 Every
wyght Delights too uppon oftentymes.. The perills and the
narrow brunts. 1583 — Calvin on Deut. xx. 12/2 It
woulde not haue booted at all to haue vppened neuer so
many things by parcelmeale. 1823 E. MOOR Suffolk Words
460 Yeow didnt uppen it did ye?

up'-pent, pa. pple. (UP- 5)

1600 FAIRFAX Tasso x. xlii. With this siege, if we be long
vp pent, Famine I doubt. 1614 GORGES Lucan I. 18 A proud
Courser.. in the stable close vp-pent. 1870 A.
O'SHAUGHNESSY Poems, Neglected Harp 15 These wondrous
melodies up-pent. And languishing in me.

'upper, sb.' [From UPPER a.]

1. a. That part of a boot or shoe above the sole
and welt. USU. pl.

1789 G. PARKER Life's Painter of Variegated Characters v.
36 If the top and leg of a jack-boot were joined to a dog-skin
upper and a buff sole. 1845 J. COULTER Adv. in Pacific ix.
112 My shoes were.. only held together by passing straps of
goat-skin under the soles, over the uppers. 1862 Catal.
Internat. Exhib. Brit. II. No. 4769. Grained leather;
machine-closed uppers. 1880 Times 21 Sept. 4/4 Forcing
the needle through the outer sole, the edge of the upper, and
the insole.

attrib. 1875 KNIGHT Dict. Mech., Upper-machines, ..those
for cutting out or preparing the uppers of boots or shoes.

b. U.S. A cloth garter for wearing above the
shoe over the ankle (Cent. Dict. 1891).

c. In fig. phr. (down) on one's uppers: in poor
or reduced circumstances; having hard luck;
also formerly to walk (etc.) on one's uppers.
coll. (orig. U.S.).

1886 Lantern 8 Sept. 4/3 The Royal Street actors who are
walking on their uppers, must mourn.. when they.. hear of
some of the boys spending 200 a week yachting. 1891 Cent.
Dict. s.v. 1893 ROBERTS & MORTON Adv. Arthur Roberts xi.
143, I know two actors who were left, as the term goes, 'on
their uppers', in a town in the heart of the Midlands. 1899
J. FLYNT 'Tramping with Tramps I. v. 117 I've been a
moocher, an' now I's shatin' on me uppers. 1901 Munsey's
Mag. XXV. 432/1 The rumor whirled about the Street that
Greener was in difficulties. Financial ghouls.. said
.. 'Greener is on his uppers'. 1903 Judy 9 Dec. 577/1 'What
would you do if you were in my shoes?' 'Eh? Oh, then I

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WHELP

met me in the Park, and made me walk with them till nine, like unreasonable whelps. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) I. 11 When she was beginning to complain of the whelp lord's impertinence. 1768 GOLDSM. *Goodn. Man* II. 1. Stupid whelp! But I don't wonder: the boy takes entirely after his mother. 1809 SCOTT *Let.* 7 Aug. in *Lockhart*. It is funny enough to see a whelp of a young Lord Byron abusing me. 1823 JON BEE *Dict.* *Turf 192 Whelp*, a boy with dog-tricks. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* iii. Bad company, you whelp! 1866 MISS BRADDOCK *Lady's Mile* i, The shabby whelp gambling for marbles in the gutter. 1888 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Oct. 458/1 These whelps have been before the magistrates charged on their own confession with murder.

4. *Naut.* One of the longitudinal projections on the barrel of a capstan or the drum of a windlass.

The object designated in the first quot. is uncertain.

1356 in *Pipe Roll* 32 *Edu.* III. m. 34/1 Idem computat expendit., in *factura* iii. Whelpes g. grossi Wynche. c. lb. a 1625 *Nomenclator Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301). The Whelpes are like Brackettes, sett to the bodie of the Capstaine close vnder the Barres, downe to the Decke, and are there which giue the Sweete to the Capstaine. They are made soe in partes that the Cabell male not be so apt to slide, as it would if it did run upon a whole round boode. 1627 CAPT. J. SMITH *Sea Gram.* i. 8 The Whelpes are short pieces of wood made fast to it, to keepe the Cable from coming too high in the turning about. 1769 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1776) s.v. *Copster*. 1847 KEY *Recov.* H.M.S. *Gorgon* 19 The space between which had been filled up with wood, like the whelps of a capstan.

b. One of the teeth of a sprocket-wheel (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

† 5. *Naut.* One of a fleet of auxiliary war vessels established in Charles I's reign, app. orig. so called because designed to attend upon H.M.S. Lion. *Obs.*

1628-9 Cal. St. Papers, Dom. (1859) 455 [When she [sc. a small man-of-war] heard] our Whelps bark so loud and saucy, and saw them put up the King's colours, [she endeavoured to escape]. 1631 Sir J. PENNINGTON *Jnl.* in 10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm. App. iv. 276 Our whole fleet being 4 sail in all, viz: the *Converte*, *Admirall*, the *Assurance*, *Vize Admirall*, the *Tenth Whelpe*, and the *Second Whelpe*. 1634 BRERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 158 Here we saw the 9th Whelp lying at anchor, to guard the fleet which now is ready to go hence to Bristol fair. 1641 PRYNN Disc. Prel. *Tyr.* ii. 135 Being imbarqued... in one of the Kings Whelpes... he landed at Dover. 1660 BURNLEY *Kibdorov durop* 53 When he visits the Navy, and even boards the Whelpes and Frigots. 1894 C. N. ROBINSON *Brit. Fleet* 227 A class of smaller craft, each of 185 tons, was decided on. They were called 'whelpes', and were vessels built for sweeps as well as sails.

6. *Comb.*, as *whelp-robb'd* adj.

1627 MAY *Lucan v. H8b*, Swifter then whelpe-robb'd Tyger.

Hence *whelphood*, the condition of being a whelp; *whelpish* a., of, resembling, or characteristic of a whelp; *whelpless* a., having no whelps, deprived of whelps; † *whelplich* [-ly?] adv., like a whelp; *whelping*, a young whelp; also *contemptuously* of a person.

1847 E. BRONTE *Wuthering Heights* I. xiii. 235 It [sc. a dog] had spent its 'whelphood' at the Grange. 1886 SWINBURNE *Misc.* 211 vapid and effeminate rhymester in the sickly stage of whelphood. 1586 WHITNEY *Choice Emblems* 49 Though 'whelpish' daies, his nature did disguise Yet time at length vnto my euell lucke Bewrayde his harte. 1687 MIEGE *Gt. Fr. Dict.* Whelpish, merchant, mautavis. 1711 G. CARY *Phys. Phylactic* 334 You mighty hugged this whelpish Thought. 1883 J. CHRISTIE in *Mod. Scott. Poets* Ser. vi. 263 Thou gard the rocks and hallows ring Wi'-whelpish glee. 1598 YONG *Diana* 9. Angry more then 'whelplesse Beare. 1814 BYRON *Lara* ii. xxv. Her eye shot forth with all the living fire That haunts the tigress in her whelpless ire. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* vi. 83 The old lion-glarling with his whelpless eye. c1400 BERYN 481 He... scrapi'd the dorr 'whelpich'. a1618 SYLVESTER *Profit of Imprisonment Wks.* (1621) 625 As when the Lion fierce... Runnes midst a million swords, his 'whelplings' to defend. 1882 ELPHINSTON *Martial* xii. clxxi. [i. lxxxiii.] 460 On thy lov'd lips, the whelping lambent hung. 1889 FARRAR *Lives of Fathers* I. v. 222 That whelping [*L. canicula*] Diogenes sought to find a man.

whelp, sb.² Erron. for *WELT* *sb.¹*

1912 in *Dialect Notes* III. 593 She whipped the horse till she raised greater whelps on him. 1952 *Publ. Amer. Dial. Soc.* xvii. 34 Time was in the upcountry when the teacher would, with a hickory, raise whelps on the legs of a recalcitrant pupil. 1962 W. FAULKNER *Reivers* viii. 181 How the hell did Sugar Boy ever let him get this far without at least one whelp on him? 1980 *Verbatim* Autumn 17/2 A quite common mispronunciation is 'whelp' for 'welt': 'He has some big whelps on his arm.'

whelp (hwelp), v. [f. WHELP *sb.¹*]

1. *trans.* To bring forth (a whelp or whelps). c1200 ORMIN 6029 batt deer batt wass i leonesth like, batt rissop o pe bridda da33 Afterr batt Pitt iss whicollpedd. a1225 Ancre. R. 200 Monie mo hweolpes pen ich habbe innewpned haebet p. Liun of Prude ihweolped. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. i. (Bodl. MS.) If. 241 b/2 be female Wolfe whelp manye whelpes as pe bitche dope. 1493 *Festival* (W. de W. 1515) 145 When a Lyon hath yonge whelpes they shall lyve as deed thre dayes after y' they ben whelped. 1577 GOOGE *Herbesbach's Husk*. iii. 155 b, As soon as they be Whelped, east away such as you mislike. 1677 N. COX *Gentil. Rec.* i. (ed. 2) 135 [Bears] are whelped most commonly in March, sometimes two, and not above five in number. 1731 *Gentil. Mag.* Aug. 352/2 A litter of young Lions was whelped at the Tower, from a Lioness and Lion whelp'd there 6 years before. 1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 103 They all come on shore in December, to whelp their young. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Bratw. at Oxf.* iii. Jack's the dog as can draw a brock... agin any 1 annus dog as ever was whelped. 1862 *Exodus* viii.

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Feb. 7/2 His bitch Dainty... has just whelped a... fine litter to Mrs. Dainty's Dictator.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To bring forth: often with contemptuous implication.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Ansus Osor*. 82 b. Two detestable whelps whelped at one litter (so pregnant is this worrie). 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Ret.* i. iv. Vnlesse she had whelpit her selfe, shee could nor haue lou'd a thing better. a1641 Br. MOUNTAGU *Actis & Mon.* (1642) 422 Antignus, Boethius, Sadoc, and such mongrels were scarce whelped in Epiphanius his dayes. 1675 HOBES *Odys.* viii. 472 Sing now of the Horse of Wood... Which in Troy-Town destruction to it whelpit. 1784 COOPER *Table-T.* 536 Having whelped a prologue with great paine. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilworth*, xi. Out, you diminutive pint-pot, whelped of an overgrown reckoning! 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xv. None of 'em was whelped savage enough to sing himself bloodthirsty.

2. *intr.* To bring forth whelps.

1308 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. ixix. (Bodl. MS.), bat welses conceyue atte moupe and whelpit atte ere. a1400 OCTOIAN *470* The tygre astir thys batayle. Whelpede sond for hyr traunyle. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* ii. i. Your lyvns whelping, in the Tower. 1664 BOYLE *New Exp. Phys.-Mech. Digest.* 368 A Bitch that was said to be almost ready to whelp. 1798 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* v. 208 On Paris' tomb. The flocks insulting frisk, And whelpes the honest in Priam's hall. 1887 SWINBURNE *Locrine* iv. ii. 98 No she-wolf whelped upon the wold. Whose brood is like thy mother's. fig. 1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 874 The foliage in which Fame, the eagle, built her aerie, while Dominion whelped below.

Hence *whelped ppl. a.*, *whelping vbl. sb.* (also in *whelping ice* (see quots.)).

1308 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. xxvi. (Bodl. MS.). In biche-melle is founde many daies before po whelpinge. 1625 K. LONG tr. *Barclay's Argens* ii. xii. 105 She was then lately dead in whelping. 1804 W. TAYLOR in *Robberds Men.* (1843) i. 49 Licking the whelped bears into courtoisines at one's leasure. c1901 J. P. HOWLEY in *Regional Lang. Stud.* — *Newfoundland* (1978) viii. 23 Whelping ice. The part of an ice field where they [sc. seals] bring forth their young. 1907 R. LEIGHTON *New Blk. Dog* 578 Breeding and Whelping. 1919 W. T. GRENFELL *Labrador Doctor* (1920) ix. 174 The smoother, whiter variety known as 'whelping ice' — that is, the Arctic shore ice... on which the seals give birth to their pups. 1969 H. HORWOOD *Newfoundland* xii. 83 The drift ice where they [sc. seals] give birth to their young, is the whelping ice.

whels, obs. form of WHILES.

whelve (hwelv), v. Obs. exc. dial. Forms: i. *hwylfan*, 3 *hwelfen*, 5- *whelv*, (9 *whilve*). [Late OE. *hwylfan* = **hwielfan*, Anglian **hwelfan* (also in compounds *ā*, *be*, *ofhwylfan*) = OS. *bihwelbian* to cover over, (M)Du., (M)LG. *welven*, OHG. *welben*, *welwen* (G. *wilben*) to vault, arch. ON. *hvelfa* to arch, turn upside down: —OTEut. **xwalbjan*, causative vb. f. *xwalb-* (*:xwlb-*, *xulb-*), whence OE. *hwælf* sb., arch, vault, adj. vaulted, OHG. *walbe* (MHG. *walbe*), curved object, gutter-tile, roof-gutter, *walbi* *volubilitas*, *walbēn* to roll, ON. *hwalf* vault, concavity, *hwalfa*, *holfa* to capsizze (see WHAUE); further related to Goth. *hwiftri* coffin, Gr. *κόλπος* bosom: the radical notion being 'rounded, arched'.

1. *trans.* To turn (a vessel, etc.) upside down so as to cover something; *gen.* to turn or roll over, overturn; to upheave. **to whelv over**, to overwhelm: = OVERWHELVE.

c1000 in *Teicher's Zeitschr.* (1885) II. 125 Donne pu hild hawden wylle, ponne ha pu pine wynstran hand samlocened and eas swa pu swybran and hwylfe by sypan ofer pa wynstran cal swylice pu cuppan hilde. [c1000 *Regius-Psalter* (Roeder) 276] Cneoris min alad & ofhwylfed [Vulg. *conuoluta*] is fram me. c1275 *Passion Our Lord* 513 in O.E. *Misc.* 51 He whelfed at pare sepulchre-dure enne grete ston. [c1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. met. iii.] (1868) 39 be horrible wynde aquilon mœuse boylng tempestes and ouer whelpe po see. c1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* i. 161 For harm & stry of that upon thy seluy May rise, the & perchaunce ouer the whelus [w.r. the overwhelv]. 1854 *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 84 (Surrey) I'll whelv a pot over me, to keep off the sun. 1854 N. & Q. 1st Ser. X. 479 (Cornwall) *Whelv or Whilve*, to turn upside down any hollow vessel.

2. To cover over with anything; to hide, bury.

c1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* iv. 393 Ek whelue a seriol ther-out that haue Graelv vp to the myddes. 1566 W. P. tr. *Curio's Pasquine in Traunce To Rdr.*, The candell whelued under the Bussell wil burne a hole through. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), To *Whelm* or *Whelue*, to cover.

wheme, var. QUEME sb. and v. Obs.

whemen, obs. f. women, pl. of WOMAN.

whemmel ('hwem(ə)l), sb. Sc. and dial. Forms: see next. [f. next.] An overturn, upset, overthrow; state of confusion.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxii. Nae doubt, nay doubt—ay, ay... it's an awfu' whummle — and for ane that held his head sae high too. 1822 GALT *Sir A. Wylie* civ. The chaise made a clean whummle, and the Laird was lowermost. 1830 — *lavie* T. iii. v. Many a joint-dislocating jolt, and almost headlong whummle. 1887 *JAMIESON'S Sc. Dic.* Suppl. *Quhemme*, a rock, a toss, a rocking, tossing. 1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss-Hags* xlvi. His horse also fell from rock to rock, and among a great whammel of stones, reached the bottom of the defile.

whemmel ('hwem(ə)l), v. Sc. and dial. Forms: 6, 9 *quhemle*, *quhomle*, 7-9 *whemmel*, 8-9 *whomel* *whemme* n *whemmel* *whammel*

WHEN

wham(b)le, whommle, whum(m)el, etc. (see Eng. *Dial. Dict.*) [Metathetic form of *WHELM* v.]

1. *trans.* To turn upside down; to overturn, capsize; to drink off (liquor) to the bottom; also *transf.* and *fig.* to upset, throw into confusion.

1536 BELLENDEN *Cron. Proheme* ii. (1541) Fiv. And schyll Triton with his wyndy horne Ouir quhemelit all the flownd ocean. 1684 [MERITON] *Yorksh. Dial.* 47. I whemmeld Dubler owt' th' meat. To keep it seaf and warm for you to Eat. 1715 RAMSAY *Christ's Kirk Gr.* ii. xix. On whomelt tubs lay twa lang dails. 1722 — *Prospect of Plenty* 196 Healthfu' hearts shall own their honest flame. With reaming quaff, and whomelt to her name. 1816 SCOTT *Antiqu.* xi. I think I see the cable whomelit keel up. *Ibid.* xii. He took the curbstone, and he's whomelit her as I wad whomel a toom bicker. c1850 *Denham Tracts* (1895) II. 31 Put into a wheelbarrow, and whommelled over upon the muck-midden. 1883 *Trans. Amer. Philol. Soc.* 55 *Whommle*, 'to turn a trough, or any vessel, bottom upwards, so that it will drain well'; used in West Virginia.

b. To cover (something) by turning a vessel, etc. upside down over it.

1790 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Whumble*, to cover with a bowl. 1824 MACTAGGART *Galloway. Encycl.* s.v. *Whommled*, To be whommled beneath a bushel. 1855 [J. D. BURN] *Autobiog. Beggar Boy* (1859) 57. I was like the turkey, whommled under a tub.

2. To submerge in or as in a flood; to drown.

1567 SATIR. *Poems Reform.* iv. 51 Quhomlit in sorow and plungent in ear. 1824 MACTAGGART *Galloway. Encycl.* s.v. *Whommled*, 'To be whommled under a wave,' to be whommled in the deep.

3. *intr.* To tumble over, capsize; also, to move unsteadily, stumble about.

1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss-Hags* xxiii. The deil whommelt on his hearthstone! 1807 — *Lads' Love* iii. When... your hoggs [are] whammelit in the black hags by the score.

when (hwen), adv. (conj., sb.) Forms: a. 1-3 *hwonne*, (i) *huonne*, 3 *wonne*, 3-4 *whonne*, 6 *Sc. quhone*. b. 1-3 *hwanne*, 3 *wæne*, 3-4 *quanne*, (quanne, 3 *wanne*, 3 *swanne*, 3 *swane*), 3-4 *wane*, 3-5 *whanne*, *wanne*, *quane*, *Sc. quene*, *qwhene*, *qwhene*, 4-6 *Sc. quhene*, 5 *whene*. d. 3-4 *hwon*, *won*, (4 *wzon*), 4-5 *whon*, *qwon*. e. 3-4 *hwan*, (3 *quuan*, *quuen*), 3-5 *wan*, *quan*, 3-6 *whan*, (4 *van*, 5 *whann*), 5-6 *Sc. quhan*. f. 3 *hwen*, 3-5 *wen*, 4-5 *quen*, (4 *qwheyn*, 5 *quen*, *qwhen*), 4-8 *Sc. quhen*, 4- when. [OE. *hwanne*, *hwonne*, *hwuenne*, (Nth. *hwænne*), late WS. *hwænne*, corresp. to OFris. *wanne*, (h) *wenne* until, if (Fris. *wan* when, if), OS. *hwan* when, *hwanna* at some time, when, (MLG. *wan*, *wen*, *wanne*, *wenne*, MDu. *wan*, *wen*, surviving in Du. *wanneer* when = OS. *hwan* èr as soon as), OHG. *wanne*, *wenni*, -e (MHG. *wanne*, *wenne*, G. *wann* when, *wenni* if), Goth. *hwan* when, how: a derivative of the interrog. stem *xwa-* WHO, WHAT, as then is of the demonstrative *pa-*; cf. Avestic *kam* how, L. *quom* when, OPru. *kan* if, OIr. *can*, W. *pan*.

The formations present points of difficulty; the following related forms have a dental suffix: OFris. *hwandé*, *hwante*, want, want, *hwende*, *hwente* (Fris. *want*) for, because, as, OS. *hwanda*, *hwand* when, for, because (MLG. *wande*, OHG. *hwanda*) wanta why, L. quando when (cf. Skr. *kadā* when, Lith. *kadā* where, etc.).

I. Interrogative uses.

a. In a direct question: At what time? on what occasion? Sometimes passing into the sense: In what case or circumstances? (cf. 8). Also with ellipsis of the remainder of the question (see also b).

c1000 AGS. *Gosp.* Matt. xxv. 37 Hwænne gesawe we ðe hingrende, & we fe feddon? c1000 AGS. Ps. (Th.) xl[i]. 5 Hwonne ar heo dead, oppe hwænne his nama aspringe? c1757 LAMB. Hom. 6. Wenne scal pos bone us god don? 1382 WYCLIF Ps. xl[i]. 3 When I shal comen, and apere before the face of God? c1412 HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Prince.* 864 When schol ye pre to vs to be reconciled? c1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* iv. v. 19. Thou shalt haue gold tolde out to the La. When, at the Grekeski calendes? 1590 SHAKS. Com. Err. ii. ii. 13 When speake I such a word? 1681 DRYDEN *Abes. & Achit.* i. 387 When should People strive their Bonds to break, If not when Kings are Negligent or Weak? 1742 YOUNG *Nt.* Th. iii. 537 When shall I die? — when shall I live for ever? 1842 PUNCH 24 July 21/2 When is a horse like a herring? — When he's hard rode. 1865 DICKENS *Mut.* Fr. iii. xiv. When shall I come to see you, Mr. Boffin? 1867 TENNYSON *Holy Grail* 255 Who shall blazon it? when and how?

† b. *ellipt.* as an exclamation of impatience. Obs.

1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* iii. i. 47 No more, I say; to the tortures, when! 1595 SHAKS. *Tam. Shr.* iv. i. 147 Off with my boots, you rogues: you villains, when? 1623 MIDDLETON *More Dissemblers* v. i. (1657) 66 Why when? begin Sir: I must stay your leisure.

2. In dependent question or clause of similar meaning: At what time; on what occasion; in what case or circumstances. Also *ellipt.*

saw when, colloq. formula used by a person pouring out drink for another, to ask him to say when he shall stop; also *ellipt.* as a reply to this formula.

c1000 AGS. *Gosp.* Matt. ii. 7 Herodes.. befran hi georne,

WHEN

Nou rek i neuer quen i dei. c1375 in Horstmann *Altengl.*
Leg. (1878) 124f. Alle 3e haue herd told & rad How &
whanne god pis world mad. 1535 COVERDALE *Lev.* xiv. 57
That it maye knowne, whan eny chyse is vncleane or
cleane. 1626 N. FRENCH *Vnkinde Deserter* i. 22 To know
when to speake, and when to be silent. 1720 SWIFT *Jnl.* to
Stella 7 Oct., I wonder when this letter will be finished.
1854 R. S. SUNTEES *Hondley Cr.* i. (1901) l. 11 He knew
when to lay hold of his hounds, and when to let them alone.
1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* iv. iii, Say when you've put it safe
back. Mr. Venus.

a1225 *Ancre. R.* 144 Deas pet we beos siker of & unsiker
hwonne. c1400 *Pol. Rel.* & *L. Poems* (1903) 263 Deze we
ssulin sikerliche; bot god wot wanne & were. 1545 ASCHAM
Toxoph. ii. (Arb.) 125 Whiche matter was onse excellente
disputed vpon, in the Scooles, you knowe when. 1500
SHAKS. *Com. Err.* iii. 39 Ille tell you when, and you'll tell
me wherefore. 1667 MILTON *P.L.* x. 499, I am to bruise his
heel; His Seed, when is not set, shall bruise my head. 1779
H. WALPOLE *Let.* to Selwyn 5 July, Can you tell me when the
Duchess of Leinster still goes to Aubigny; and, if she does,
when? 1828 HAZLITT *Self Love & Benevol.* Sk. & Ess. (1872)
104 What might be the consequence to myself the Lord
knows when? 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xi. Well, now, if
you want to know, I'll tell you when. The last moment I can
manage; and that's when. 1888 J. S. WINTER *Boote's
Childr.* ii. I haven't seen such food I don't know when. 1898
Mod. Society 6 June (Farmer's *Slang*) Say when, said
Bonko, taking up a flagon of whiskey and commencing to
pour out the spirit into my glass. 1911 *Maclean's Mag.* Oct.
297/2 'Say when?' I held the glass with a shaking hand:
'When.' 1932 A. POWELL *Afternoon Men* i. 13 'Say when,
sir,' said the waiter. 'When,' said Pringle. 1948 E. WAUGH
Loved One 3 'When,' he added aside to the young man, who
helped him to whisky. 'Right up with soda, please.'

3. After a prep. (esp. since, till), in a direct or a
definite question: = What time?

Cf. F. *depuis quand, G. seit wann.*

a1300 *Cursor M.* 5670 Sin quen was pou vr dempster?
1583 MELBANCHE *Philomath.* Niv, If any circumstance
of where, or when, or whone, may make a probable Argument.
1828 SCOTT *F.M.* Perit xiv, Since when is it good Father,
that the principal libertine has altered his morals so much?
1861 H. KINGSLEY *Racemens xix.* Since when have you
missed her? 'Since yesterday afternoon.'

II. Relative and conjunctive uses.

Formerly (now arch.) also followed by *that* (*that* conj. 6).

4. As compound relative (cf. WHAT C.*), or as
correlative to *then* (implied and sometimes
expressed): At the (or a) time at which; on the
(or an) occasion on which.

Also *ellipt.*, with only the predicate expressed, e.g. *when a
boy* = when he (l. etc.) was a boy; *when cold* = when it is
cold.

a. In reference to a definite actual occurrence
or fact, chiefly with verb in past tense: At the
time that, on the occasion that; sometimes with
verb in present tense = now that (sometimes
with mixture of sense 9 a).

a 1000 *Guthlac* 200 Hwonne hy mid mcngu maran cwome,
pa pe for his life lyt sorgedon. c1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 576 Sexe
hundred jær noe was hold. Quan he dede him in &
archewold, a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8958 Quen bat sco to becite
com Sco corn in pat ill yatte, bat pris lai in hi gatt.
c1550 *Will. Palerne* 2484, Wan pei pider come, bei found al
awefare. c1400 *Destr.* Troy 1689 Qwen this City was set
.. Then neuuyt to his mynde [etc.]. c1240 *Sir Amadace* xxix,
Qwen he was gone on this kin wise, Thenne iche mon sayd
thayre deuse. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lxx. 536 Whanne
he saw her make such chere he felde lyke a lyon that ther
myghte no man withstande hym. 1533 BELLENDENS *Livvy* v.
xxiv. (S.T.S.) II. 230 We suld nocht leif oure ciete now
quhen It has so many ryuuynous housis. 1577 HAMMER *Anc.
Eccel. Hist.* 239 When that he was certifid.. that the
Ethnicks offred sacrifice.. in that place, he sharply rebuked
Eusebius. 1581 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xlvi. 154 Sone after
that the Counsell rounde yourself. Quahan godly Murray as
a regent rang. 1605 SHAKS. *Hen. vi.* ii. 27 Listing their
feare, they could not say Amen. When they did say God blesse
vs. 1763 J. BROWNS *Poetry & Mus.* v. 67 Music had then its
greatest Power, when the Melody was most confined in its
Compass. 1775 *HERRIS Philos. Arrangem.* Wks. (1841) 339
It was by being attacked when asleep.. that the gigantic
Polyphem fell a sacrifice to Ulysses. 1779 *Mirror* No. 23.
23 He lost his father when an infant. 1848 THACKERAY *Van
Fair* liii, It was ten o'clock when he woke up. 1863 DICKENS
Uncomm. Trav. xxvi, When I was a child.. I used to think
that I should like to play at Chinese Enchanter. 1894
BARING-GOULD *Bk. Fairy T.* 70 It is not the time for violets,
when the snow lies deep?

(b) With ellipsis of following clause: in the
past, in the old days (*N. Amer. colloq.*).

1962 M. RICHLER in *Kenyon Rev.* Winter 88 Six months
from now.. I'll be saying I knew you when. 1968 H. WAUGH
'39' *Manhattan East* (1969) 162 She needn't try those airs
with me. I knew her when. 1984 M. HINXMAN Night they
murdered *Celsea* viii. 65 The Hearst newspaper group are
even flying in Gloria Beesley to cover the case. She knew
Charlotte when.

b. In reference to a future time (whether in the
present or the past).

971 *Blckl. Hom.* 97 He seal winnan & sorzian, hwonne se
daeg cum. c1275 LAY. 643 He.. prettede pan castle, and pat
folk wið ine, wanne he hit mihte awinne. c1350 *Leg. Rood*
(1871) 21 Vr lord bi-het me pere Wip Oyle of Milce smere
me whonne hit tyne were. c1420 *Atow. Arth.* xxiv, Quen
thou art arm in thi gere, Take thi schild and thi spere.
1560 *Bible* (Geneva) i Sam. ii. 12 When I begin, I wil also
make an end. 1588 SHAKS. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 145 What will
Berowne say that he shall heare Earth infringed? 1646
in *Rov. Hist. Kirk.* (Wodrow Soc.) p. xxii, I desirous
our people to conveine quhen the bellis suld be rung. 1769 MRS.
RAFFAEL *Eng. Housekpr.* (1805) 300 When your head is
boiled, it over with the yolk of an egg. c1814 [see THAT
conj. 6], 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxxii, Pray St. Etheldreda to
be with us when the day shall come. 1889 TENNYSON
Crossing the Bar 16, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When

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will have to be revised and enlarged when this war is over.

c. Indefinitely or generally: At any time, or at
the several times, at which; on any occasion that;
most commonly with vb. in pres. tense.

c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 147 Wanne heis seven men wanred
polien ober on sinne bifallen.. ber-of his hadden reide.
c1220 *Bestiary* 16 in O.E. *Misc.* i Wanne he is ilkndle Stille
lið 6e leun. a1250 *Owl & Night*. 324 Ich singe an eue a riȝte
time & soþre won hit is bedtyme. 1340 *Avenb.* 27 Huanne he
yzib oper yheri pe guod of obren.. panne him comp a zorse
to pe herte. 1461 *PASTON Lett.* i. 54 To see that the contre
be always redy to come botte fot men and hor men, qwen
they be sent for. 1553 *Respublica* 894 Solace we must nedes
have when that we are werie. 1591-6 SPENSER *Astrophel* 29
There was no pleasure nor delightful play, When Astrophel so
ever was away. 1639 J. CLARKE *Parady* 87 When God
will, all winds bring raine. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 26 P7
When I look upon the tombs of the great, every emotion of
envy dies in me. a1774 GOLDSM. *Elegy Mrs. Mary Blaize* 16
She never slumbered in her pew, -- But when she shut her
eyes. 1827 SCOTT *Highl. Widow* The, The answers which he
received from him, when conversing on religious topics.
1861 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* ii, I am overpowered when I
think of you and your hospitable home.

5. Introducing a clause as the object of a verb,
or (later) governed by a preposition: = The or a
time at which; þa case in which (cf. 8).

This use arises from the dependent interrog. use (sense 2),
and the OE. examples are only particular cases of this.

971 *Blckl. Hom.* 227 Hine ðas heardost langode hwonne
he of bisse worulde moste. a1000 *Cadmon's Gen.* 1433
Hæled langode.. hwonne hie of nearwe.. steppan mosten.

c1375 *Cursor M.* 5939 (Fairf.) Sette us terme & quenne
(Cott. term wen) we salle pray for he & hi men. c1412
HOCCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 113 Passee over whanne his stormy
nyght was gon, And day gan at my wyndowe in to prye. 1487
Cely Papers (Camden) 166 They leake every ouere when the
comens of the town schall rise. 1568 [see LOOK v. 3 c.] 1603
SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* ii. 1, I haue seenne When after
execution, Judgement hath Repented ore his doome. 1648
HERRICK *Hesper.*, To the Lark, And know thy when To say,
Amen. 1680 MILWARD *Selden's Table-T.* Ded. In your
Fancy carry along with you, the When and the Why many of
these things were spoken. 1838 S. SHARPE *Hist. Egypt under
Ptol.* 186 As to the when, the why, or by whom the pyramids
were built. 1867 MORRIS *Jason* xvii. 100 Since when I am
dead, By none but him the people shall be led. 1868 --
Earthly Path i. Pro. 202 Expecting when our turn shall come
to die. 1884 *Dailys of Soden* Fen x, I was a grown young
man of twenty by when it happened.

6. a. As simple relative (cf. what C.**): At
which time, on which occasion; and then.
Sometimes implying suddenness: = and just
then, and at that moment.

a 1000 *Cadmon's Gen.* 1265 Siððan hundswiflet getzed
time winter on wourde wære biesgedon faze peada;
hwonne frea wiðe on warlagon wife setan. 1461 *PASTON
Lett.* i. 541 Wrytyn the xxij. day of Januare in haste, wan
I was well at hese. 1562 *WINST Cert. Tractates Wks.*
(S.T.S.) I. 2 Haistelic maid one Pasche tuesday.. 1562,
quhen thair appetit an daingenerous seditionis in Edinburgh.
1592 SHAKS. *Ven. & Ad.* 320 His testis maister goeth about
to take him, When to the vnbackt breeder full of feare,..
swifly doth torsake him. 1634 *FORD Perkin Warbeck* II.
E 2b, There haue beene Irish-Hubbuds, when I haue made
one too. 1711 *BUDGEF. Spect.* No. 77 ¶ We took a turn or
two more, when, to my great surprize, I saw him squyr
away his Watch a considerable way into the Thame. 1780
Mirror No. 78 ¶ 3, I had not been above three years at
college, when the death of an uncle put me in possession of a
very considerable estate. 1820 *KEATS Lamia* ii. 26 There
came reposed.. When from the slope side of a suburb hill,..
came a thrill Of trumpets. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 62/2 An
inspector.. tested the drain, when he found that the joints of
the pipes were not properly cemented. 1894 *BARING-GOULD.
Bk. Fairy T.* 58 Scarcely had she touched the spindle when
she pierced her hand with it.

b. As quasi-pronoun after a preposition (esp.
since or till): = which time.

13.. *Cursor M.* 20180 (B.M. Add. MS.) Haued he me
sette any day Ajens when I me greith may. 1581 A. HALL
Iliad i. 12 But then a suter will be, til when I wish (my
child) You from the battayle do absteine. 1593 SHAKS. 3
Hen. VI. ii. 89 Ed. I was adopted Heire by his consent.
Cla. Since when, his Oath is broke. 1634 *Sit T. HERBERT
Trav.* 145 Since when it [sc. Persia] was vanquished by
Tangrolipix the Turke, an. 1030. 1712 *MRS. CENTLIVRE
Perplex'd Lovers* III. i. Till when, thou Charmer of my Soul,
Farewel. 1820 *SHELLEY Prometh. Und.* iii. ii. 40 Thy steeds
will pause at even, till when farewell.

7. With time, day, etc. as antecedent: = at or
on which.

The following OE. quot. exemplifies the kind of context
out of which this constr. might arise:-- *Guthlac* 82 First was
on godes dome, hwonne Guðlæce on his ondgetan engel
scade þat [etc.]

c1200 ORMEN 133 Att anne time whanne hiss lott Wass
cummen upp to beowtenne. a1300 *Cursor M.* 1716 To wait
time Quen paig moght cum to murther him. 1362 LANGL.
P. Pl. A. Pro. 1 In A somer sesun whon softe was þe somme.
1406 HOCCLEVE *La Matre Regle* 326 Nat tell I can the tyme
Whan they to bedde goon, it is so late. c1440 *Gesta Rom.* xii.
38 (Harl. MS.) A day was set whanne the king shuld come
and sei hred, 1596 SPENSER *F.Q.* vi. vii. 32 On a day when Cupid
kept his court, 1667 DRYDEN *Vulg. Georg.* iii. 79 A
time will come, when my maturer Muse, in Casar's Wars,
a Nobler Theme shall chuse. 1788 COPPER *Let. to S. Rose*
29 Mar. At all times, when it shall suit you to give us your
company. 1845 M. PATTERSON *Ess.* (1889) I. 9 The ages of
faith, the ages when the Church bore sway over every action
of life. 1865 NEWMAN *Hist. Relig.* Opin. iv. 201 Charges..
which.. I fully believed at the time when I made them. 1876
SWINBURNE *Note Engl. Repub.* 16 Time was when England
herself might have claimed.. this noblest of human rights.
1876 MEREDITH *Beauch. Career* iv, There are times when an

8. a. With the notion of time modified by or
merged in that of mere connexion: In the, or
any, case or circumstances in which; sometimes
nearly = if. Often *ellipsis*, with only the predicate
expressed.

The clause with *when* is often equivalent to a phrase with
preposition and gerund (*when he sees or saw* = 'in seeing';
when he says or said = 'in saying').

c1275 Lamb. Hom. 153 Mildheortnesse me kuð him
soluen, h[er]wenne he him bipengð pet he isuneged haueð and
pet sare bimurðen. c1220 *Bestiary* 502 in O.E. *Misc.* 16 9ef
ðu it 903 wan it flet. c1357 *Lay Folk's Catech.* (T.) 518 That
is when we will nocht go to god almighty, .. Thus that augh
for to do. 1370-80 *Vision St. Paul* 18 in O.E. *Misc.* 228 He
opened me Mouþ of pat hit, Hit stonk foulē w[or]on hit was vn-
schut. c1400 tr. *Secr. Secr. Gov. Lordsh.* 63 3ers and real
dedys shal betir come to a kynges mynde when enhyed.
c1460 *FORTESCU. Abs. & Lim. Mon.* iv. (1885) 117 Whan a
kyng ruliss he reaume only to his owne profite.. he is a
tyrant. 1588 A. KING. *Tr. Canisius' Catech.* 181 The quikil
thing the scripture meauns quhen it says [etc.]. 1591 SHAKS.
Two Gent. v. iv. 44 Oh us the curse in Loue.. When women
cannot loue, where they're belou'd. 1643 *TRAPP Comm.
Gen.* xxxv. 1 God.. takes his opportunity, (for we are best,
when at worst). 1724 *DE FOU Tour Gr. Brit.* 15 When I have
said this, I think I have done Malden Justice. 1787 COPPER
Table-T. 148 Most confident, when palpably most wrong.
1859 RUSKIN *Two Paths* i. §42 A painter designs when he
chooses some things, refuses others, and arranges all. 1890
J. CHAMBERLAIN *Sp.* 7 May in W. S. Lilly 1st *Print. Pol.* 161
note, When great national interests are at stake... the party
system breaks down.

b. As simple relative (cf. 6): þa with case as
antecedent: = in which; (b) in which case;
whereupon; and then.

1562 *Pilgr. Perf.* (no. de W. 153) 2 Except in case when
you understand not ye rede therin. 1803 *Med. Jnl.* X.
564 It may be opened with a lancet or a needle, when the
fluid will run out. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 695/1 The ribbon
.. is sometimes couped or cut short, when it becomes a
bâton.

9. With the notion of time passing into that of
cause or contrast. a. It being the case that,
seeing that, considering that, inasmuch as,
since. (Often, and now only, with implication of
opposition or contrast, thus approaching b.)

c1230 *Hali Meid.* 9 W'en þus is of þe riche, hwæt wenest
tu of the poure? 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2215 Wanne ȝe
abber fourme of men, beþ men an alle wise. a1330 *Ouetel*
1272 Otuel, whan it is so, Tak be bataille a godes name.
c1420 *Sir Amadace* xxviii, Quat wundur were hit, thaþe
him were wo, Quen alle his godus were spedutne him fro.
1591 SHAKS. 1 Hen. VI. iv. 112 What madnesse rules in
brane-sickle men, when for so slight.. a cause, Such
facion emulations shall arise? a1637 B. JONSON *Timber*
Wks. (1641) 118 And when the attaining of them [sc.
all knowledges] is possible, it were a sluggish and base thing
to despaire. 1764 GOLDSM. *Trav.* 64 But where to find that
happiest spot below, Who can direct, when all pretend to
know? 1866 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* iv. iii, What's the good of my
pretending to stand out, when I can't help myself? 1886 [E.
H. DERINC] *In Light of 20th Cent.* iv. 85 'If you would only
look at the question without prejudice--' Prejudice! I
like that, when you are full of prejudices about it.'

b. In adversative sense: While on the other
hand, while on the contrary, whereas.

In quo. c1489 = although.
1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 777 Hii wolde eure abbe ynou,
wanne þe pouere addo wo. c1489 *Caxton Sonnes of Aymon*
vi. 153 And when the kyng gaaff you not his suster but a
simple damoysel, yet oughte you to beleve hym. a1568
ASCHAM *Scholem.* II. (Arb.) 145 To follow rather the Gothes
in Ryming, than the Greeks in trew versyng, were cuen
to eat ackornes with swyne, when we may freely eate
wheat bread emonges men. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. i. 139
Yor rub the sore, When you should bring the plaster.
a1654 SELDEN *Table-T.* (1680) 26 Little things do great
works, when great things will not. 1725 RAMSAY *Gentle
Sheph.* iv. 11, An estate like yours yields braw content, When
we but pike it scantly on the bent. 1836 MAHYAT *Japhet*
lvi. 1, received fifty shillings, when I ought to have
received, at least, ten pounds. 1888 F. HARRISON *Cromwell*
vi. 118 He was solemnly debating a treaty, when he never
intended to keep any treaty at all.

III. Indefinite and substantival uses.

þa 10. a. adv. At some time (only OE. with *nū*,
seld(um); when and when, at one time and
another, now and then. *Obs. rare.*

c1000 tr. *Bædo's Hist.* II. i. (1890) 94 He nu hwonne on þam
pam bið on wuldre arisende mid oprum hyrðum pare
halgan cyriean. c1470 HARDING *Chron.* cxxi. iv, And
Scottes also that false wer when and when.

b. As the second element of a compound: see
ANYWHEN, AYWHEN, ELSEWHEN, EVERYWHEN,
NOWHEN, SELD-when, SOMEWHEN.

11. as sb. The time at which something
happens (or did or will happen); = time when
(see 7); also vaguely, Time, duration.

Often conjoined with *where* or *how* similarly used.
1616 B. JONSON *Epir.* xxxiii. Wks. 777 Thou art but gone
before, Whither the world must follow. And I, now, Breathe
to expect my when, and make my how. 1765 SERIES *Tr.
Shandy* VII. xxi, The gardener.. troubled his head very
little with the hours and whens of life. 1819 SHELLEY *Ode to
Heaven* 6 Deep, immeasurable vast, Which art now, and
which wer then. Of the Present and the Past, Of the eternal
Wheres and Whens. 1864 NEWMAN *Apol.* vi. 362, I have very
little reason to doubt about the issue of things, but the when
and the how are known to Him. 1867 CARLYLE *E. Irving in
Remin.* (1881) 101 The when of my first call thereto I do not
now remember. 1885 TENNYSON *Ant. Sag.* 104, Thin
minds, who creep from thought to thought. Break into